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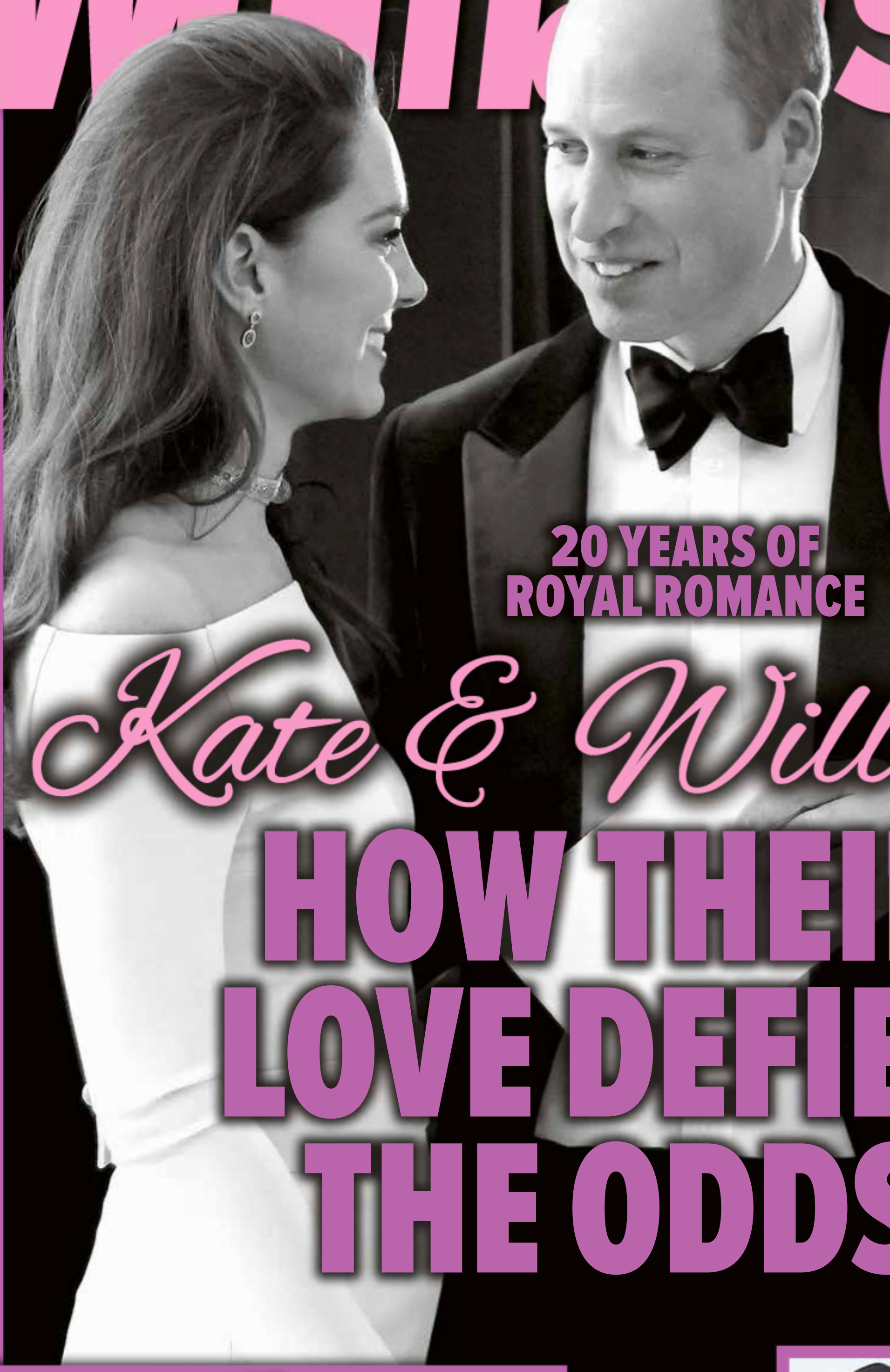

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Happy new year!

I hope you've been enjoying a relaxing break on the beach, at a bach, in the bush, on a boat or just chilling out at home. As you're reading this, I'm probably back in the office with a skeleton crew from the *Woman's Day* team, but I'm sure I'll be feeling refreshed and ready to tackle 2023 after a few days of sun, sand and surf with friends in the Far North. This issue of the mag is all about love, with our well-connected royal reporter Karleigh uncovering the secrets of the Prince and Princess of Wales' 20-year relationship on page 10. We've also got Jennifer Aniston going googly-eyed for Jon Hamm on page 14, then if you turn over, Olympic rower Hannah Osborne shares her emotional wedding day. For more loved-up local celebs, you can't get any cuter than TVNZ reporter Kimberlee Downs and Newshub journalist Ollie Ritchie, who open up about their romantic proposal and wedding plans on page 22. We've also got a fascinating interview with one of my favourite singers, Melanie C, aka Sporty Spice, on page 28 and a whole lot of inspirational real-life reads starting on page 40. Enjoy the mag and have a great week.

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Look what the cat dragged in!

Antonio Banderas gave fans his fiercest growl at the premiere of *Puss In Boots: The Last Wish* in New York. In the film, the feline hero learns he's burnt through eight of his nine lives. "It makes me love him even more," says the actor.

Sam's tickled pink!

Unholy singer Sam Smith went OTT in a hot-pink ensemble while shooting a clip for new album *Gloria* in Hertfordshire, UK.

Maybe pull the plug, Jay?

The Rock radio star Jay Reeve decided to copy Rita Ora's pink bath during a Waiheke getaway. "You are either welcome or I profusely apologise for scorching ya peepers," he jokes.

Catch of the day

All Black Sam Cane and wife Harriet showed off the first fish caught on their new boat. "Surely they can only get bigger," he writes.

Cute couple alert

Snackmasters star Kimberley Crossman shared this sweet shot with boyfriend Tom Walsh at Lake Tekapō, writing, “Epic few days down south filming, fishing and exploring!”

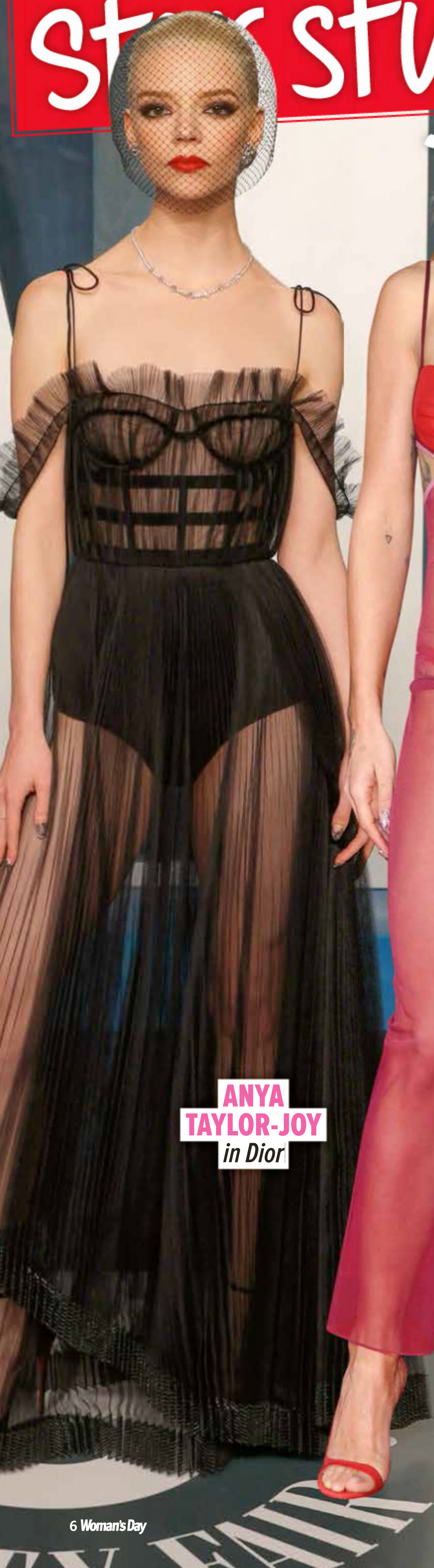
Summer lovin’

Comedian Amy Schumer soaked up the love with her hubby Chris Fischer while on a romantic holiday in St Barts.

Making waves

Emily In Paris star Kate Walsh looked très chic in Akris while out and about in New York City.

Star style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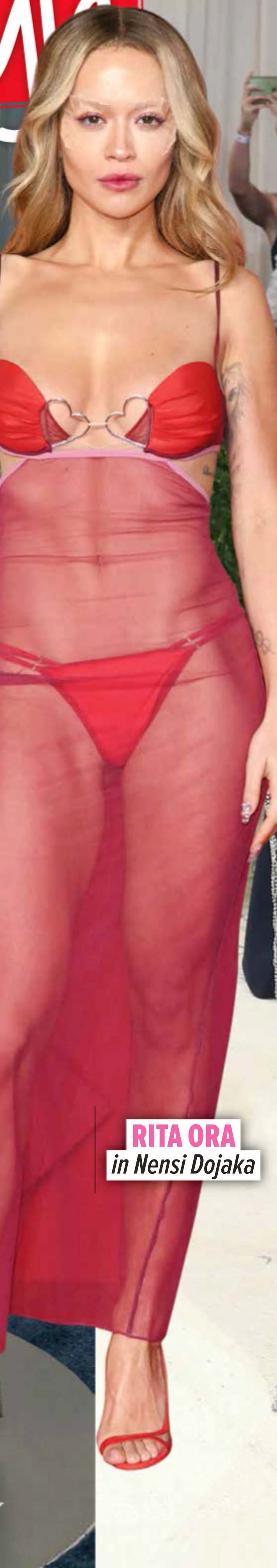
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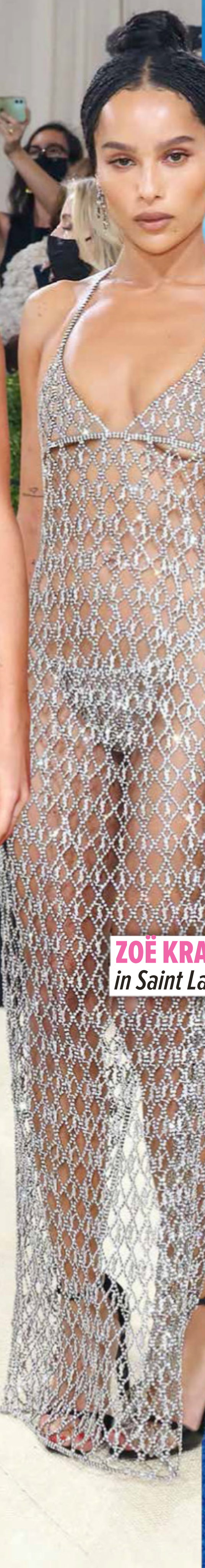
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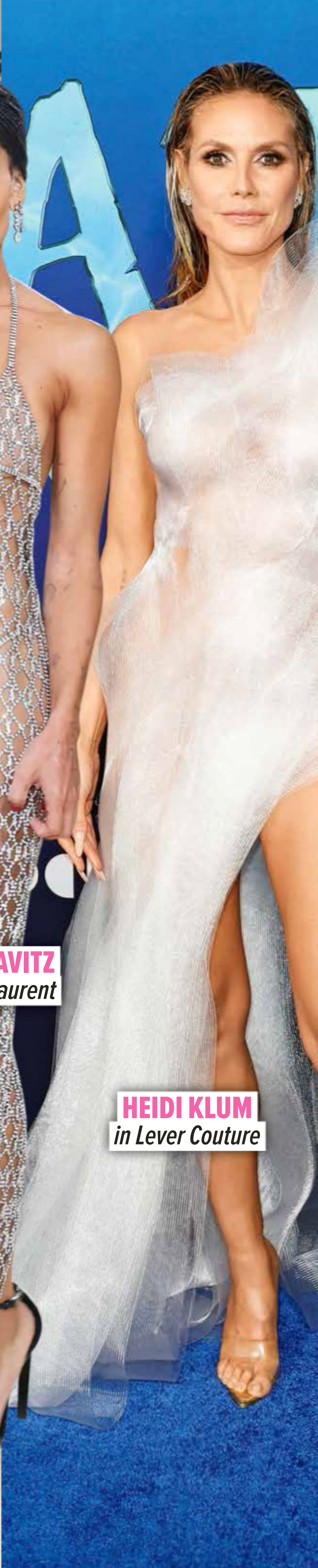
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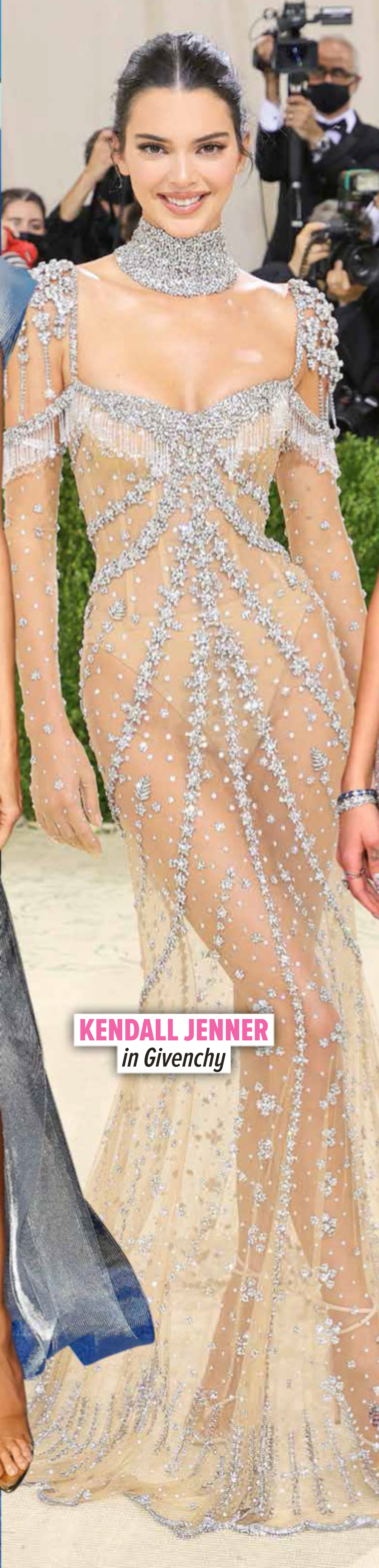

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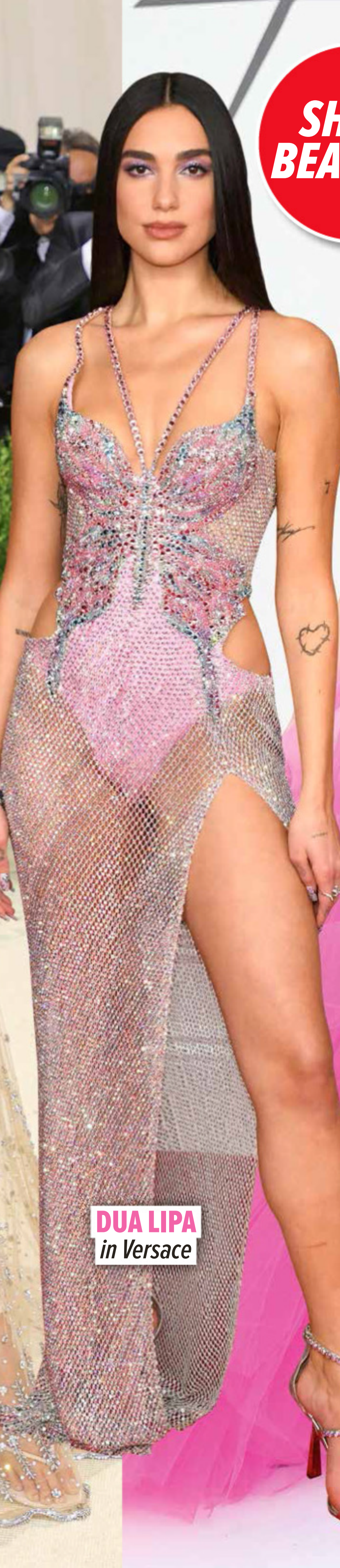

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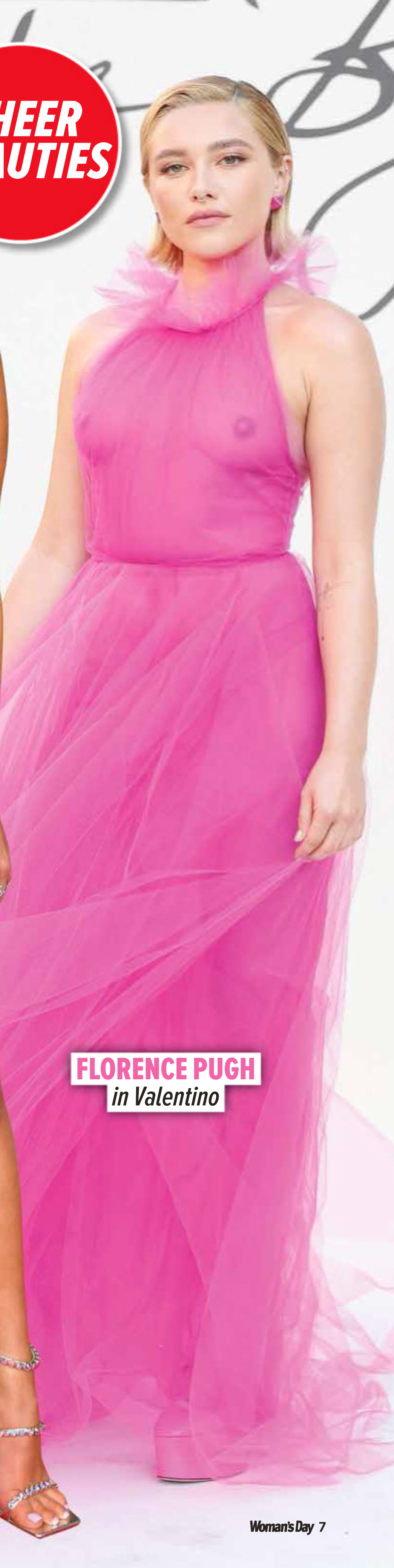

FLORENCE PUGH
in Valentino

Brad & Margot KISS & TELL ON SET!

Babylon stars Brad Pitt and Margot Robbie can't stop gushing about filming the steamy love scenes in their new flick.

"I had asked for it, if we can write that in," Brad, 59, joked of pressuring producers to let him kiss the Aussie actress. "You know, when was I going to get a chance to do this again? And we did it."

Margot said she also pushed for the pashing. "That wasn't in the script, but I thought, 'When else am I gonna get the chance to kiss Brad Pitt? I'm just gonna go for it,'" says the 32-year-old, who previously worked with the Oscar winner on 2019's *Once Upon A Time... In Hollywood*.

Married Margot didn't stop there! "I said, 'Damien [Chazelle, the director], I think Nellie would just go up and kiss Jack.' And Damien was like, 'Well, she could... Wait! You just wanna kiss Brad Pitt.'

"And I was like, 'Oh, so sue me! This opportunity might never come up again.' And he was like, 'It does work for the character,' and I was like, 'I think so.'"

The former *Neighbours* star, who wed film producer Tom Ackerley in 2016, confesses kissing Brad "was just great". And when the director gave the on-screen smooch his tick of approval and told them to do it again because "that really works", Margot admits, "I was like, 'Oh, great.'"

"I am monogamous – I have relationships, not lovers," Cher says. "I haven't given up!"

CHER WEDS TOYBOY LOVER

Friends say giddy Cher is keen to get her new man, 36-year-old music exec Alexander Edwards, officially off the market – asap! And there is speculation the couple, who have only been dating since November, are already man and wife!

"Cher is head over heels in love," says a source. "After two failed marriages and countless disastrous boyfriends, this could be her last chance and she isn't going to let it pass her by,"

The 76-year-old has confessed of the romance, "On paper, it's kind of ridiculous, but in real life, we get along great."

But pals fear the singer may be headed for heartache again, with one telling us, "Whenever there is a 40-year and $600 million dollar gap between two people, you have concerns!"

But friends insist the *Turn Back Time* singer is savvy enough to have an iron-clad pre-nup in place if the pair do head down the aisle.

KATIE HOLMES
REBOUND ROMANCE

Katie has her eye on hunky Scott after ditching Bobby (below).

Katie Holmes is back on the market after ending her summer romance with musician Bobby Wooten III – and friends confirm she's already started dating again!

After being spotted cosying up to Swedish hockey player Henrik Lundqvist at the Jingle Ball on 2 December, sources say the 43-year-old has set her sights on Clint Eastwood's hunky son Scott, 36.

"Katie's always had a thing for Scott, ever since they were introduced over lunch in Santa Monica five years ago," says a longtime pal. "At the time, her romance with Jamie Foxx was having problems, but she definitely felt they had a connection."

In 2016, the *Fate Of The Furious* star revealed he struggled after his then-girlfriend died from a defective airbag in 2014.

"I think that really affected me in a way that, I don't know, maybe it's made it harder for me to date," he confessed.

Scott has been linked to a string of women, including Sara Leal, Jana Kramer and *Playboy* model Brittany Brousseau. His last rumoured relationship was with fitness expert Maddie Serviente, but the two haven't been since out and about together since July.

"Katie's hopeful the rumours are true and he's single again because she really liked him when they met," adds the insider.

ADELE'S BIRTHDAY BUST-UP!

Adele did nothing to downplay her diva reputation when she was spotted leaving fiancé Rich Paul's recent birthday party early.

Sources confirm the 34-year-old singer's premature departure left guests stunned at the star-studded bash in West Hollywood. "It was very strange – she just upped and left," says an eyewitness.

"Rich must have felt humiliated as all his friends were there, but it was kind of a win all round as he definitely relaxed and let his hair down after that."

Guests including LeBron James, Tristan Thompson and Paul Rivera were on hand to celebrate the sports agent's 41st birthday, however, friends are worried about the future of this rocky relationship.

"Adele is starting to act like everyone's lucky she's graced them with her presence," says an insider. "It was like she had a problem playing second fiddle to the birthday boy. It doesn't help that she's incredibly quick-witted and runs rings around people, who just don't like it."

The source adds that there's a growing number of Rich's friends who don't want him to marry her.

"She's way too high-maintenance when he needs the exact opposite in a partner," says the source. "He's managing the biggest players in the NBA – the last thing he needs is to be managing his situation at home too."

OUR LO WILLIA PRIVA

Behind closed doors, the
quietly celebrated two bl

The Prince and Princess of Wales marked their 10-year wedding anniversary with much fanfare in April 2021, but friends say the still-smitten couple privately celebrated what they consider a much more significant milestone.

The end of 2022 marked a full two decades of William and Catherine's love story, with the pair getting together in 2002 after meeting at Scotland's University of St Andrews.

Speaking exclusively to *Woman's Day*, a source close to the couple says, "It was a year of quiet celebration for Wills and Kate. They didn't want a fuss, but they did want to honour a very special – and surprisingly up and down – 20 years of loving each other."

The Old Boot Inn

The royal pair have been going on dates to nearby The Old Boot Inn for special Sunday roasts.

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future king and queen issful decades together

Cover story

Walking on air as Wills gets his RAF wings in 2008.

Left: A wedding to remember on 29 April 2011. Above: Hitting the slopes for a cosy skiing holiday in Klosters, Switzerland.

Despite Prince Harry recently taking a sly dig at the couple, claiming members of his family tend to "marry someone who would fit the mould, as opposed to somebody who you are perhaps destined to be with", we're told Wills and Kate still enjoy a fairytale romance.

And things have only got better since William, 40, and Kate, who turns 41 on 9 January, moved their family of five from London's stuffy Kensington Palace to cosy Adelaide Cottage at Windsor Castle.

"It's been nothing flashy, but after 20 years and the rigours of royal life, they've just made an effort to spend more time with each other," says an insider. "Now they're closer to Kate's parents, they've been calling on them for babysitting duties so they can get out more."

According to our source, Wills has been "treating Kate to date nights", including Sunday roasts at their favourite country pub, The Old Boot Inn, in Stanford Dingley, near where Michael and Carole Middleton live.

"William and Kate are often seen out and about together here," says a villager. "You see them in the pubs or strolling with their dog. Everyone leaves them alone and lets them get on with it. We're proud they're so comfortable here. William has been coming here near on 20 years since he got together with Kate and we just treat him like a normal person, which he seems to appreciate."

In 2001, the polo-playing prince, then 20, opted to attend St Andrews, where he studied art history – a decision that changed the course of his life.

At the time, eligible blue-blooded bachelorettes were clamouring to meet the future king, who hadn't had a serious public relationship at that stage.

Little did he know that when he was enrolling in his course, so too was one Catherine Middleton, a quiet, studious yet sporty brunette from Berkshire.

The pair became friends in their first year as William set about cultivating an inner circle of people he could trust – with Kate among them. They began secretly dating in 2002.

According to folklore, William realised his school chum was "hot" when she flounced down a catwalk wearing a see-through dress at a charity fashion show, however, the reality is they were likely already casually seeing each other, having moved in together with friends that same year.

"There's no doubt Kate's dress – or lack thereof – helped things along, though!" quips one insider close to the pair. "She did look absolutely incredible.

But more than that, William was falling in love with her because of her down-to-earth attitude and obvious smarts. It helped that she wasn't intimidated by him at all."

Whispers that the prince had found himself a "serious contender" began to travel from the centuries-old Scottish university into the pages of London's newspapers, helped along by periodic sightings of Wills' mystery woman at his family's numerous properties.

"Kate was a frequent guest at both Balmoral Castle and Charles' private home Highgrove, where she impressed everyone on

Parental pride: The doting duo are royally proud of (from left) George, Louis and Charlotte.

hunting trips with her excellent markswomanship," says a source. "She wasn't formally introduced to William's family as his girlfriend and was usually there as part of a group from school, but everyone knew what was going on. Charles liked Kate immediately and he had his fingers crossed that everything would work out between them."

Kate was finally officially introduced as the royal girlfriend in 2004, when the pair allowed themselves to be photographed on the ski slopes of Swiss resort village Klosters.

The images sparked a global frenzy. The world's most eligible bachelor and heir to the throne seemed smitten – and with a normal girl from the Home Counties, no less!

For most mere commoners following the story with breathless fascination, Kate bagging Princess Diana's handsome son was a fairy tale come true.

But William's choice in partner left heiresses and even celebrities such as Britney Spears with dashed hopes and dreams, and it wasn't long before an inevitable collective jealousy from Britain's high society kicked in.

'He wanted to make absolutely sure she was ready for this life'

"A lot of snarky comments were being made about Kate's middle-class origins," says an insider. "People were calling Kate's mum, who was a flight attendant, 'Doors-to-Manual' and some even suggested Carole engineered the relationship with William by pushing Kate into St Andrews once she knew that's where he'd enrolled. It was wild, but the Middleton family is a very strong unit and they weathered the storm together."

As the years wore on, Kate silently endured relentless public attention and was even cruelly nicknamed "Waity Katie" for allegedly refusing employment while she waited to become a princess bride – even though she worked part-time as an accessories buyer at Jigsaw and later helped with her parents' multimillion-dollar Party Pieces events business.

"She stuck it out and for a time, despite it all, Kate and William were happy," says a source. "He loved nothing more than moonlighting as a normal person on weekends with Kate's family."

But much to the delight of London's more savage tabloid newspapers, it appeared the romance had cooled during the 2006 festive season, when William reportedly pulled out of visiting the Middletons at the last minute.

"They split up soon after, with William citing new work pressures – he'd just gone into army training and he worried they'd grow apart anyway," says a longtime friend of the prince. "Kate was heartbroken, but she got on with things."

In her way of showing the world – and her ex – that she'd be just fine, Kate was spotted out in a variety of slinky dresses and reportedly even briefly dated William's close friend Henry Ropner, a shipping heir.

"Whether she'd care to admit it or not, Kate wanted to show Wills what he was missing," explains the insider.

And it worked. By mid-2007, she was seen sitting a few discreet rows behind William, his brother and Harry's then-girlfriend Chelsy Davy at a tribute concert for Diana.

In 2008, she appeared as his official girlfriend again at his Royal Air Force graduation and Waity Katie jibes re-emerged.

But this time, Kate knew something her detractors didn't – William had promised that it was for keeps this time and he'd propose as soon as the time was right.

"He wanted to make absolutely sure she was ready for this life," says the insider. "And she proved her mettle time and again."

After he finally popped the question in 2010 with his mother's sapphire engagement

Words: Karleigh Smith.

Ooh la la! Ramping up the glamour on an official visit to Paris in 2017.

Above: The princes and Kate shared a close bond, but that all changed when the brothers fell out and Harry left town.

ring during a holiday in Kenya, William, with a hint of self-awareness about how long he'd taken to propose, said, "I'd been planning it for a while, but as any guy out there will know, it takes a certain amount of motivation to get yourself going. I was planning it and then it just felt really right out in Africa."

Mere months later, in April 2011, Miss Kate Middleton became Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, after a lavish wedding in which they said their "I dos" in front of a global audience of millions.

In a nod to their decade-long low-key relationship, Kate did her own makeup "so she'd look like herself when she walked down the aisle".

The second half of their 20-year romance is much more well-documented, especially given they're now the busy parents of Prince George, nine, Princess Charlotte, seven, and Prince Louis, four.

"Nothing can really prepare you for the sheer overwhelming experience of what it means to become a mother," tells Kate. "It is full of complex emotions of joy, exhaustion, love and worry, all mixed together.

"Your fundamental identity changes overnight. You go from thinking of yourself primarily as an individual to suddenly being a mother first and foremost."

Life as Britain's most popular royal couple hasn't all been roses in recent years.

The pair infamously fell out with William's brother Harry, now 38, and his 41-year-old wife Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex.

"Kate was close with Harry pretty much as soon as she started dating William – they were this amazing trio – and it was quite shocking how quickly it all fell apart," says a source. "They're both still very sad and quite angry about how it's all panned out."

But now, after the Queen's passing last year, which saw Kate and William promoted to Prince and Princess of Wales, they're looking to the future.

"Sometime in the next 20 or so years, they will be King and Queen – and Wills can't wait to do this together, even though their lives will change dramatically yet again," says our insider.

"When it all gets a little bit too crazy, they step back and reminisce about those blissful early years, when their love was only theirs and they had a few years to feel 'normal'. They draw a lot of strength from those memories and they'll cherish them for the rest of their lives."

Closer than ever! The co-stars have been enjoying each other's company.

JEN'S CRUSHING ON CO-STAR JON!

Jon has been making Jen giggle between takes.

While dating wasn't on her mind, a hunky friend has put a sparkle back in her eye

Things are heating up for co-stars Jennifer Aniston and Jon Hamm, who have had tongues wagging for months around the set of *The Morning Show*.

Sources insist Jen has long had a crush on the *Mad Men* actor, who has been seen making her giggle between takes, while shooting their Apple TV series in New York.

Reports in the US have recently hinted that the *Friends* star's affection towards Jon goes back as far as 15 years – and she's often thought of him as the one that got away.

UNDENIABLE CHEMISTRY

"Rumour has it Jen was extremely supportive of Jon's casting in *The Morning Show,*" an insider tells *Woman's Day*. "They go way back. She was super-excited when he signed on."

In the months since, the cast and crew have been "buzzing" with chatter about Jon and Jen's chemistry. "They feed off one another," says a source. "There is definitely a flirty energy – there's no denying Jen has a bit of a crush on Jon."

While friends say Jen has spent most of 2022 worrying about everything but dating,

Jon recently attended Jen's Christmas party.

it hasn't stopped the 53-year-old star's eyes lighting up the minute Jon walks on set.

Sadly for Jen, the 51-year-old actor has been linked to fellow actress Anna Osceola for the past few years.

"Anna doesn't seem to mind Jen and Jon's friendship," insists the insider. "She knows it's all part of the job and Jen makes sure she includes Anna on things so there's zero weirdness."

'Her eyes light up the minute he walks on set'

Indeed, Anna, 34, was recently on the guest list as Jon's plus-one for a festive season soirée held at Jen's Bel Air home.

"Jen's whole career she's either been close friends with or dated male co-stars – she knows how to navigate all the interesting feelings being on set with someone all day can bring up," tells a source. "Besides, she thinks Anna and Jon are perfect together and she'd never get in the way of that."

Still, Jon's arrival on the scene has been a breath of fresh air for Jen, who's telling friends their harmless joking around on set, including him making a surprise appearance in her recent video promoting protein bars, has brought her back to life.

"She does wonder what might have been had Jon been single – she's only human," admits an insider.

"But she is very grateful for his friendship. He's been a rock since her dad died last year. Jen was devastated. He's been very supportive and keeps her laughing. She's looking forward to getting on the press tour for *The Morning Show* with him and his presence has had the side effect of making her wonder what it might be like to start dating again some day soon."

Jen has no intention of coming between Jon and Anna.

On-set sparks

Fans online couldn't help but notice their chemistry.

JEN & SANDY
LEANING ON EACH OTHER

Jen wasn't the only A-lister single over the holidays – according to reports, Sandra Bullock is believed to have spent time solo after rumours suggested she has parted ways with her boyfriend of seven years, Bryan Randall.

Thankfully, sources say Jen and Sandra are leaning on each other to see them through the tough times. "They live near each other and have been spending a lot of time together," tells a friend.

At the time of press, sources told *Woman's Day* that Jen had invited Sandra, 58, to join her in Mexico for her annual new year beach holiday. "Sandra was hoping to make that happen, but she does have two young kids, so she wasn't sure," says a source, who notes Sandra is in desperate need of some downtime.

Exclusive

Anthony admits he was overcome when he first saw Hannah. "I was getting terrible hay fever!"

Olympic her 'THE OF MY

The silver medal it official wi

As a rower, Hannah Osborne was never going to be fazed by a little water. So as a light drizzle comes down on the morning of her wedding to longtime love and fellow athlete Anthony Allen, the Olympic silver medallist is completely nonplussed as she looks out at the hills of Te Puke's Old Forest School.

On the water with rowing partner Brooke Donoghue at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

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list has won gold after making th fellow athlete Anthony

“A bit of rain never killed anyone,” she says with a wide grin as she steps into her gorgeous bridal gown.

Today has been eight years, one Olympic campaign and a whole lot of hard work in the making, and as she prepares to walk down the aisle, the bride is a picture of calm. “I’m excited. I’m ready!”

It’s a fairy-tale ending for the stunning sportswoman and her strapping beau, who first met at a rowing camp, “although I don’t really remember that”, laughs Hannah.

Their “official” meeting – well, the one Hannah recalls – was on social media while she was studying in the US. Some cheeky banter followed, with Hannah eventually throwing caution to the wind and inviting Anthony to the States to visit. “And that was that, really. Here we are!”

Anthony, 29, popped the question during a trip to the South Island in 2020. “It was so special,” recalls Hannah, 28. “The West Coast is amazing – it’s like being on the set of *Jurassic Park*! Anthony had found a beach called Hannah’s Clearing, which was so amazing.

“He drew me into a really big hug and then just kind of fell down onto one knee in front of me. As soon as I realised what was happening, I burst into tears. I never thought I would be that person who would cry, but it was such a big thing. I said yes, of course!”

The pair have been enjoying planning their laid-back outdoor wedding ever since, and as Hannah gets ready ➥

Above: Dad Kim walks his girl to a waiting Anthony. “So many people were already crying,” says Hannah.

with the help of bridesmaids Adelle Stead, Colette Lucas Cornwell, Amy Mills and Kirstyn Goodger, plus her maid of honour, sister Ngaire, she says having a relaxed vibe for her and Anthony’s special day was important.

“I grew up in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by hills, so I really wanted all of this around today,” Hannah tells, gesturing the stunning scenery.

As the girls get her into her Made With Love Bridal gown, created from French crepe and featuring a low-cowl back, Hannah admits she never thought she’d like the frock until she tried it on.

“I thought I wanted something lacy, not something sexy,” she laughs. “It’s all about the curves, but hey, why not?!”

And now it’s time to meet her groom before the vows. Tapping her soon-to-be-husband on the shoulder, Anthony turns around to see his bride for the first time and is overwhelmed with emotion.

“I was in awe of her,” he later tells *Woman’s Day*, smiling. “She was the most beautiful bride and the dress was absolutely stunning. It was very emotional!”

Hannah adds, “We definitely did the right thing in doing a ‘first look’ – the walk down the aisle is emotional enough without adding the fact you’re seeing your husband or wife for the first time!”

Ducking a few pesky showers, it’s finally time for the big moment. The song *Kusanagi* by Odesza plays from the speakers surrounding Hannah and Anthony’s gathered friends and family, and Hannah’s bridesmaids slowly make their way up the aisle to join Anthony and groomsmen Lewis Hollows, Nick Renton and Josh Earl.

Then the bride is gliding down the aisle on the arm of her dad Kim, with Hannah surprised at how emotional she was. “I nearly burst into tears when I saw everyone,” she confesses. “So many people were already crying, so that just made me want to cry!

“But someone mouthed to me, ‘It’s going to be OK!’ and I managed to pull it together. I’m used to pressure when it has to do with rowing and things like that, but this was so new and overwhelming!”

Joking, Anthony adds, “I was getting terrible ‘hay fever’ – my eyes were watering as she just looked so beautiful. Again, it was very emotional!”

Celebrant Samantha Tweedle welcomes guests with a light-hearted take on how the pair met and their journey so far.

“They’ve travelled the world together after each world championship event,” she says. “They’ve supported each other through the highs and lows of professional sports. They’ve bought a house together and gained an Irish setter called Pippa.

“Hannah, Anthony loves that you are well out of his league! You’re beautiful, caring and supportive. Your smile lights up his world – your free spirit and your generosity with your love. He is both in awe and incredibly frustrated with the ease at which you pick up artistic endeavours as he still sucks...

“Anthony, Hannah loves how you make her feel. Your love feels unwavering. It makes her feel so safe. You can make her laugh no matter what mood she starts out in. She appreciates how well you know what she needs – a treat here and there, a cuddle, a walk with Pippa or a giggle.”

‘Something magic allowed us to find each other’

Hannah’s granny Margaret then delights everyone with her readings of Kahlil Gibran’s poem *On Marriage*: “Love one another, but make not a bond of love. Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls. Fill each other’s cup, but drink not from one cup... Sing and dance together, and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone, even as the strings of a lute are alone, though they quiver with the same music.”

Fellow Olympic rower and

The happy couple with (from far left): Lewis Hollows, Josh Earl, Nick Renton, Ngaire Osborne, Adelle Stead, Kirstyn Goodger, Amy Mills and Colette Lucas Conwell.

How We Got Happy author Eve Macfarlane then reads passages from classic novel *The Velveteen Rabbit*, before Anthony and Hannah get down to business with their self-written vows.

"I promise as we walk through the journey of life, I will be by your side, holding your hand, making you feel you are never alone," says Anthony, choking up at one point but pulling himself back on track with a little humour.

"I promise to let you believe you have better music than me and I promise to always try to be on time. I promise to share every sunrise and sunset, knowing you are mine and I am yours."

Hannah, who wrote her vows just that morning, then says that loving Anthony is "the easiest thing". She tells her groom, "Your love is something I had only dreamed about. Something magic allowed us to find each other. I am so proud to call you my husband and I love you beyond belief."

The pair are then pronounced husband and wife, sharing a kiss to cheers and applause, before walking back down the aisle to Odesza's *Higher Ground*.

A raucous reception follows, with the hilarious MC David Allen making Anthony the centre of every joke, followed by good food, flowing drinks and hours of dancing.

Hannah's homemade wedding favours, personalised pieces of pottery, are a highlight for guests, as is the delicious carrot and lemon wedding cake layers made by Anthony's mum Lyn.

"I think I danced for four hours nonstop," Hannah says, with Anthony adding that while it was the wedding of his dreams, his favourite part was still seeing his beautiful bride walk down the aisle.

"We're just so incredibly happy," he says. "It truly has been the most perfect day."

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Flowers: Adelle Stead. Catering: Hereford Kitchen.

Light rain didn't dampen the newlyweds' joy.

Dancing off the delicious cake (above) made by Anthony's mum Lyn.

RITA & TOM THEY'VE HAD ENOUGH OF TINSELTOWN

After a tumultuous year, the couple are desperate to move to Greece

The Hanks-Wilson clan is ready to farewell life on the red carpet!

For a pair who have long been known to have one of Hollywood's most enduring marriages, 2022 wasn't exactly one for the books in the Hanks-Wilson household.

The usually happy-go-lucky Tom and Rita have lurched from scandal to scandal in the past 12 months, and sources say she has had enough.

"It hasn't been a great year for them, so Rita wants to really shake things up," says a friend, speaking exclusively to *Woman's Day*. The pal adds that Rita, 66, is keen to "get in touch with her roots" and move to Greece for a year or so, preferably near the village where her mum grew up.

"Rita was raised Greek Orthodox and has always had a natural pull toward her homeland," explains the friend, adding that she thinks this is the perfect time to do it and put all their recent stresses behind them.

Sources say an extended stay in Greece is exactly what the pair – who boast two homes there, one in Patmos and another in Antiparos – need right now after a tough time in the headlines.

Indeed, friends are worried their recent trouble with son Chet, 32, who's being sued by his ex-girlfriend and mother of his child over alleged abuse, has dramatically aged his 66-year-old father.

Rita was recently seen in tears while out with son Chet.

"Tom went from being a sprightly young man to looking like he has the weight of the world on his shoulders basically overnight," points out an insider. "If he's having health problems, he's not telling anyone, but it can't be a coincidence that it's happening at the same time as Chet causing problems."

In September, the Hanks family was spotted at dinner in Malibu with their son, with Rita breaking down in tears amid what was clearly a stressful moment for the family.

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Chet, an aspiring crooner, has spoken openly about the complications of growing up in his dad's shadow. While he says he felt "blessed" regarding his privileged upbringing as the son of two acclaimed stars, he has acknowledged the toxicity of spending his formative years in the spotlight.

"My experience was even more complicated because, on top of fame already being toxic, I wasn't even famous," he said. "I was just the son of somebody famous, so I hadn't even done anything to deserve any sort of recognition and that created a lot of contempt."

Chet also claimed he grew up without a "strong male role model" – something insiders say was a massive blow to Tom and Rita, who worked hard to raise their son as best they could.

Now it seems it's taken its toll. In June, mild-mannered Tom hit the headlines for losing his temper at a crowd of fans in New York, shouting at them in an expletive-laced tirade for "knocking over my wife" when, in reality, Rita had been accidentally pushed and was none the worse for the incident.

"Rita and Tom are dealing with this in different ways, and she wants to get on the same page," explains her friend.

It's believed Tom is coping by adding more work to his schedule – at a time and an age where Rita was hoping he'd be slowing down and spending more time together.

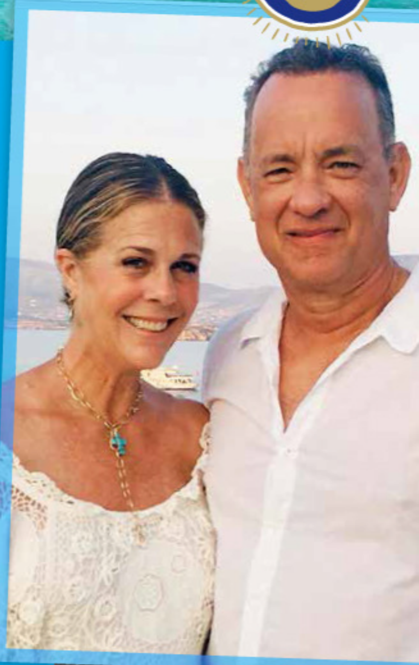
> **'Rita wants to try living there and thinks it's the perfect time'**

"He can't seem to say no to movie roles at the moment and she's hoping to get him out of Hollywood so he hasn't got scripts piling up at his door," shares the source, who insists all Rita wants right now is to disappear off the map for a while and allow herself to regroup in an Greek slice of paradise.

GREECE IS CALLING!

The acting duo owns a 450m^2 stone villa located on a 2.4-hectare property between the villages of Glypha and Chora on the island of Antiparos – and it's here where insiders say the famous pair plan to spend as much time as they can.

According to Greek locals, that's the only place where they are "left alone to relax, catch up with friends, throw dinner parties and unwind, away from Hollywood's demands and flashing lights".



Tom and Rita have a slew of friends in town.

Rita and Tom (above) blend in like locals.

Rival reporters' roman

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Ollie Ritchie's 'plan C' prop turned out to be ab

Kim happily said yes to her soulmate. "I'm so grateful I met Ollie and that we have our future to look forward to."

Newshub sports reporter Ollie Ritchie always had big plans when it came to proposing to his TVNZ journalist girlfriend Kimberlee Downs.

After three years together, he knew he'd found the person he wanted to spend his life with, so he secretly designed and commissioned a beautiful diamond ring, asked Kim's delighted parents for their blessing, and was determined it would be an engagement to remember.

However, as is often the case with the rugby reporter's hectic work schedule, dreams of an exotic destination proposal never quite came to fruition.

"First of all, I was hoping it might happen while we were on holiday in the South Island," explains Ollie, 29. "But then I had to cancel that because of work – and there were a few other ideas that I couldn't quite make happen either because I was away so much. I was beginning to wonder how I would ever pull it off."

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minutes from their home on Auckland's North Shore where Christchurch-born Ollie finally popped the question. And despite his earlier grand plans, bride-to-be Kim, 32, says Ollie's proposal was perfect in every way.

"Ollie calls it his 'plan C' engagement, but I honestly couldn't imagine it being any better," she says, welling up. "He put so much thought and effort into it, and I still cry when I think about it."

Both sports reporters, Kim and Ollie might work for rival channels, but they've always been on the same page when it comes to love. They met back in 2016 on a Black Caps cricket tour, but it wasn't until 2018 that sparks really flew.

They did long distance while Kim was TVNZ's Australian correspondent, before moving in together in 2019. After their OE plans were scuppered by COVID, they turned their attention to buying a house and finally secured the home of their dreams in Auckland's Northcote. ➥

Love match

The couple will be having their first dance as newlyweds in March. "The only thing that's important is we're getting married," says the bride-to-be.

While Taranaki-raised Kim was content enjoying this chapter of their lives, behind the scenes, Ollie was busily working on plans to propose to the woman he loves.

Unknown to her, he was making secret visits to The Diamond Shop in Auckland's Herne Bay, working closely with the jewellers to create a stunning solitaire diamond ring to propose with. During the Christmas holidays in 2021, he had managed to get Kim's parents Chris and Alison on their own to ask for their blessing.

"Kim's mum cried with happiness, so I thought that was a pretty good sign," he laughs. And Kim still can't believe he managed to do all this without her having any inkling at all.

"We had talked about the future and knew we were in it for the long haul, but I had absolutely no idea he was planning to propose," she says. "He got me good!"

While Ollie was champing at the bit to pop the question, it wasn't until 2022 that he finally found the perfect day to do it. The pair took a trip to Rangitoto Island, with Ollie secretly packing a bottle of Champagne, two glasses and the ring, of course, into his backpack in the hopes of finding a secluded spot on the Hauraki Gulf landmark.

"I realised pretty quickly that it wasn't going to happen there," he says, explaining they were far from the only people who'd made the journey that day. "There were people everywhere, so I had to come up with another idea pretty fast."

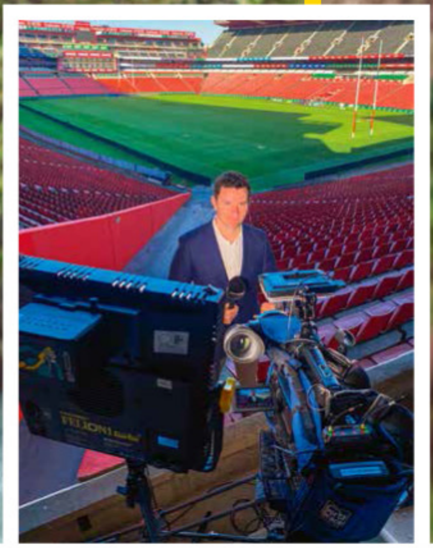
> **'I was beginning to wonder how I would ever pull it off!'**

With the bubbles and ring remaining in the bag, the couple returned home. But Ollie hadn't given up – later in the afternoon, he suggested they visit Kendall Bay, a secluded beach just minutes from their home.

"I've never been so nervous in my life," he recalls. "I can do live crosses on TV and I can speak in front of lots of people, but this was next level. I wasn't worried that Kim would say no – I just wanted to do it right because it was such a big moment in our lives. I wanted it to be special."

Kim says she can remember every detail of the proposal. They were sitting on some rocks when she noticed Ollie looked as white as a sheet. When he started talking, his voice sounded odd and that's

Words: Sophie Neville. Pictures: Michelle Hyslop. Hair, makeup & styling: Michiko Hylands. Kim wears Forever New, H&M, Zara, Zoe & Morgan.



Above: Kim's parents Chris and Alison gladly gave Ollie permission to marry their girl. Top: Wedding plans have had to be worked around Ollie's busy reporting commitments.

when she realised what was happening.

"Just as it dawned on me what was going on, he dropped to one knee," she tells. "He said he'd been trying to find the words to tell me how much he loves me and how much he wants to spend the rest of his life with me. Then he said, 'Will you marry me?' and that's when I started crying with happiness. It was an immediate yes!"

Fast-forward to today and they're excitedly counting down to their March wedding, which will take place in Taranaki in front of 140 guests.

Planning has been mostly enjoyable for the laid-back duo, but Ollie admits much of his input has been via email thanks to his hectic schedule. The past 12 months have seen him travel to China for the Winter Olympics, and follow the All Blacks to South Africa and Australia. "I CC'd him into a lot of emails and we had to save a lot of decisions until when he got back home," adds Kim.

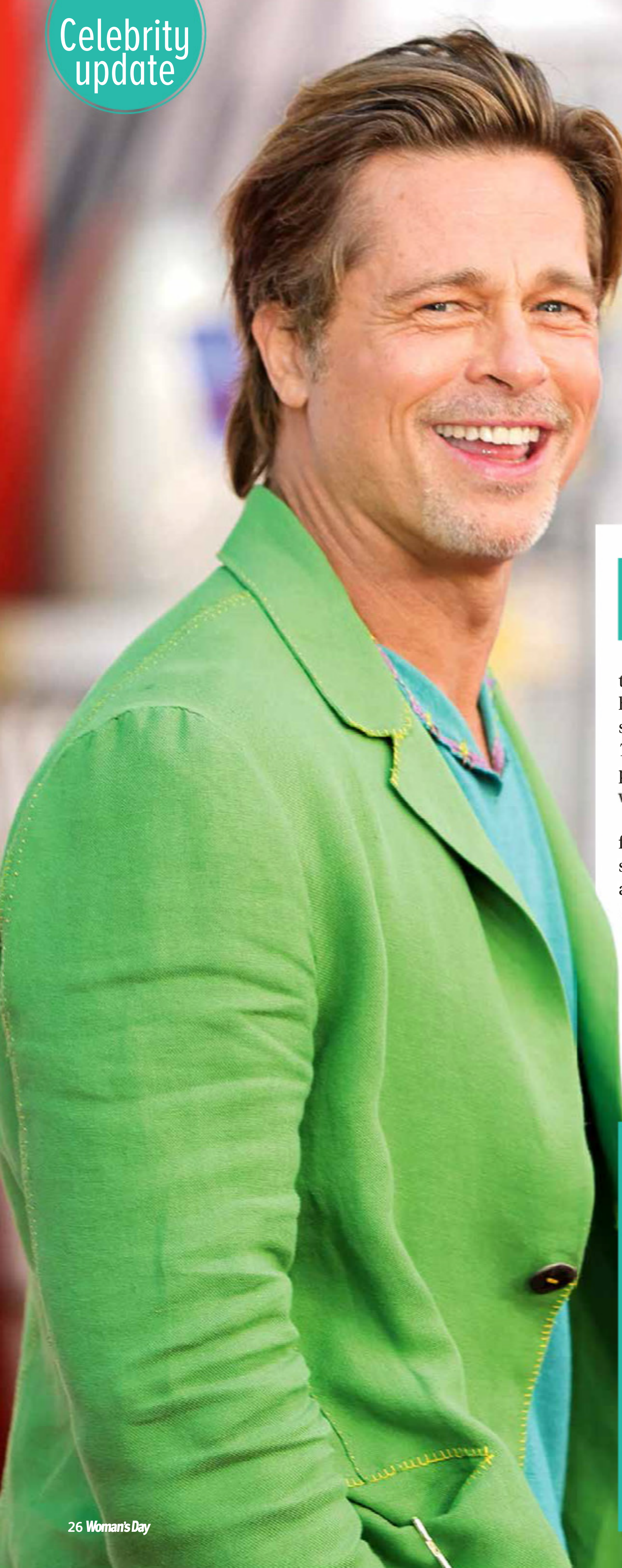
With the venue booked, Kim's custom-made dress almost finished and invites sent, the couple are excited about finally saying "I do". And they're doing their best to avoid any bridezilla moments.

Says Kim, "When I've felt myself going down a bit of a rabbit hole or stressing about things that really don't matter, I've reminded myself that, really, the only thing that's important is we're getting married and that we'll be surrounded by all the people we love."

While she admits she never grew up dreaming of being a bride, she simply can't wait to make her and Ollie's love official.

"I think marriage is a wonderful way to show your commitment to each other and celebrate with the people you love. I'm so grateful I met Ollie and that we have our future to look forward to together. He's an amazing person, so fiercely loyal and loving, and when I'm with him, I feel most at peace."

Celebrity update



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In the years following his divorce, Brad Pitt has gone through something of a transformation.

Gone is the chiselled, blond-tipped, blue-eyed box-office hero look he had honed ever since bursting onto screens in *Thelma & Louise*, and in its place is a mix of New Age hippie with a hint of midlife crisis.

Now Brad prefers indie films to blockbusters – or sitting behind the camera as a producer – and instead of swanky Hollywood soirées, he fills his days dabbling in woodwork, sculpture and art.

Recently, he has also switched out his usual tuxedo or neutral palette suits in favour of quirky, colourful outfits, including skirts.

He is the epitome of an A-list Hollywood 50-something male, free from the shackles of conformity after having made a household name for himself and putting $517 million in the bank.

But while Brad presents as a free spirit, for most of his life, he has been anything but.

"The Brad we see now has come a very long way since his beginnings," reveals a source close to his family in the rural town of Springfield, Missouri. "He grew up in an extremely conservative household, attending Southern Baptist church every Sunday. His entire family life centred around God."

To this day, his parents, Jane and Bill – now wealthy land developers in their eighties – devoutly attend their local chapel, and spend most of

All smiles with his first wife Jennifer in 2001.

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Young Brad blazing a trail as a hitchhiker in the 1991 road movie *Thelma & Louise*.

The actor with Angelina and his parents Bill and Jane at the LA premiere of *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* in 2008.

their time with Brad's sister Julie Neal, brother Doug Pitt and their families.

"Brad is still super-close to them, even if they don't really understand this path he's going down," tells a family insider. "They remain proud of him and they're often found enjoying the trappings of his fame, whether it's stays at his Santa Barbara beach house or free use of his garage full of luxury vehicles in LA."

One source within Springfield, a sleepy, land-locked industrial town in the south-west corner of the state, said he used to be a frequent fixture at his parents' house when he was married to Angelina Jolie – a union that ended abruptly six years ago, and which recently hit the headlines again when she accused Brad of physical abuse against herself and the eldest two of their six children (claims he denies).

"He used to come here with his kids all the time," a former neighbour tells *Woman's Day* exclusively. "The kids made a ruckus – they were very loud. Jane loved having them around, but you could tell Brad's father wasn't a fan of the chaos. But after the divorce, we never saw the kids again, and Brad comes and goes quietly and occasionally."

Brad's fight for joint custody with Angelina continues, with the case being dragged out in LA's family court.

"Jane wasn't a huge fan of Angelina," reveals one town resident. "She is extremely conservative and thought Angelina had some wacky views on the world. Given that Brad was raised conservatively, she privately and correctly predicted that it wouldn't last between them. She made no secret of the fact that she preferred his first wife [Jennifer Aniston] and was upset that he'd ruined the sanctity of marriage."

'Jane thought Angelina had wacky views on the world'

It's believed Angelina began pulling away from Brad's parents in 2012 – despite marrying him in France in 2014 – after Jane penned a scathing letter to the *Springfield News-Leader* opposing then-president Barack Obama and gay marriage.

She urged the readers to "spend much time in prayer before refusing to vote for a family man [then Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney] with high morals, business experience, who is against abortion and shares Christian conviction concerning homosexuality".

A source reveals, "It was a shock to Angelina. She took it as a direct attack on herself as someone who has dated women, and especially given that she and Brad had, at the time, insisted they wouldn't marry until everyone had equal rights to." The couple later backtracked on this after their children begged them to become husband and wife.

A separate insider adds, "The whole town still talks about that letter".

These days, sources confide, Brad's struggle to reconcile his upbringing – which ended at age 20, when he quit studying at the University of Missouri to move to Hollywood – with his superstar lifestyle continue.

"He might not like it, but he has retained parts of himself from his childhood in Missouri," says an insider. "By many accounts, he was a very strict parent and that didn't gel well with Angelina's more free-spirited approach. A lot of frustration and resentment between them grew from that place. They were two different people from very different backgrounds.

"Brad might be known as this huge star, an A-list hunk who guarantees millions in movie takings, and that is true. But behind the scenes, he's still that church-going kid from Missouri – a side of himself he works hard to hide in liberal Los Angeles."

Things would later turn sour for the Jolie-Pitt clan.

Getting skirty! The star debuts a new look in Berlin.

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The artist also known as Sporty Sp
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There have been many narratives written about Melanie Chisholm's life. Since she launched to global stardom as a member of the Spice Girls in 1994, her career, relationships and personal struggles have all been the subject of speculation, yet very few stories have been told from her own perspective.

Speaking from her home in London, Melanie, aka Sporty Spice – who turns 49 on January 12 – is ready to tell her side. With a cup of tea in hand and phrases such as, "You know what I mean?" unfolding in her lyrical Liverpudlian accent, the singer-songwriter may not have physically strayed far from her roots, but as she put pen to paper in her new memoir *Who I Am,* she finally felt at home in herself.

"I felt a lot of emotions writing this – 'petrified' is the first word that comes to mind!" Mel laughs. "But I'm really happy I waited this long because when you reflect over time, things can change and I felt like I could tell my own story."

Recounting her extraordinary life may seem like a fun trip down memory lane – and it was. "There was so much laughter and fun as a Spice Girl," she tells. But it also reminded her of the fight she endured to be seen as a person, rather than a character.

In the early '90s, Mel answered an ad in a UK paper asking for singers for an all-girl pop group. She, along with Victoria Adams, Melanie Brown, Emma Bunton and Geri Halliwell, beat more than 400 applicants to form Touch, as the band was known in its early days.

> **'So many young people are hungry for fame. I just want them to be prepared'**

After becoming Spice and then the Spice Girls, they split from the managers who refused to let them write their own songs – and that's when the magic happened. In 1996, their debut single *Wannabe* rocketed to number one in more than 30 countries and suddenly everything changed.

"When I look back at the video for *Wannabe*, that was very much how we operated," says Mel. "We were going into record labels and publishing companies, and I was jumping on the table and doing a backflip. We were playing our songs and we were just causing mayhem wherever we went."

Between 1996 and 2000, they had the world at their feet, but Mel's book is frank about her working-class guilt at becoming rich, her exhaustion from the relentless Spice schedule and the never-ending scrutiny she faced in the spotlight.

"It is such a mixed bag of emotions when I look back because us girls achieved so much – we accomplished our wildest dreams," Mel admits. "I never want to look back on that time negatively, but it is important for me to tell the difficult parts of my past. Our culture has changed so much and so many young people are

Punchy and passionate (from left): Sporty, Baby, Scary, Posh and Ginger.

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Schoolgirl Mel.

Mel was a gymnastics champion at Fairfield Juniors. "How baggy is that leotard?!" she jokes.

At a tattoo studio in LA "before I discovered heavy weights".

What fans really, really wanted to see: All five on stage at the 2012 London Olympics.

hungry for fame. I just want them to be prepared. It's not plain sailing."

Mel says that being constantly in the headlines was something none of the girls were prepared for. "I've been bullied in different dynamics, both in the band and by the media. All that time, I was pretty much a child and I was finding my way. All five of us were criticised heavily and continuously throughout our careers, and that's really hard to deal with when you're young."

Mel grappled with loneliness, anxiety, frustration and eventually an eating disorder. In the book, she identifies an encounter with the group's former manager Chic Murphy as the beginning of her health problems. The singer was demonstrating how to do a backflip when he remarked, "I'm surprised you can do backflips with thighs like that." Mel was "mortified" and confesses three-hour workouts and a strict diet became her way to regain control after the comment.

"I was quite unwell for a few years," she tells. "I started with the elimination of food groups. Back then, fat was the enemy and then, of course, the fear of carbs came in. I got to the point where I was predominantly eating fruit and vegetables, and that was it. I was never anorexic to the point of being hospitalised, thank goodness, but my periods stopped, so obviously my body fat was too low."

Mel is also open about her battle with depression.

"There have been times of darkness, when getting out of bed or out the door has been an achievement," she says. But she knew something had to change and when the band took a hiatus after the release of their eighth number-one single *Goodbye*, she seized the chance to go solo.

> **'I don't give myself enough credit... I'm so proud of what I've achieved'**

"That's been my biggest battle, especially as a young person," she says of forging her own identity. "I was in the public eye, trying to figure out who I was. I was only in my twenties at the time, and we were bombarded with opinions by the media, peers and even other artists. It was hard for me to figure out who I was, who I wanted to be, what people's expectations were and how I fit into all of that. I'm almost 50 now and I'm finally getting a grasp of who I actually am!

"When [her debut album] *Northern Star* came out in 1999, I was still only 25. I was quite frustrated at that point in time because Spice Girls had been so overwhelming and we were always referred to as an entity – as one thing. I was so determined for people to see there was more to me than Sporty Spice.

"But as I've gotten older, I have nothing to prove. I don't give myself enough credit... I'm so proud of what I've achieved. This opportunity has given me moments to reflect and say, 'Bloody hell, I've done loads!'"

Despite it being difficult at times, Mel wouldn't trade places with anyone. "I love being a Spice Girl," she says, pinpointing the last time the group performed with Victoria as one of the all-time highlights.

"The one that jumps out immediately is London 2012 because, obviously, it was the five of us. It was the last time it was all five – and being Sporty, of course, I love the Olympics and having the Olympics in London. It was such a happy time in the city."

The pop star says her 13-year-old daughter Scarlet, who she shares with former partner Thomas Starr, a property developer, changed her entire world. "Thank goodness she came into my life. She's as much of a teacher as I am to her."

Although Mel jokingly adds that having a mum who's a Spice Girl doesn't always resonate at home. "Now she's a teenager, it's quite irritating and embarrassing!"

Mel has been single for a few months after splitting from her partner of seven years, music producer Joe Marshall. However, she's not concerned about going solo.

"We have been conditioned in society to believe that we have to be part of a partnership and I don't want anyone thinking you should be scared to be single," she declares. "That is bulls**t, you know? I don't feel like some dried-up old spinster on the shelf. I feel excited about the future."

As a new year begins, the story of the Spice Girls continues to evolve, with rumours swirling that all five members will reunite for the first time in 10 years, perhaps at the Glastonbury festival. Will there be a reunion in 2023?

"I can't confirm, but I have a feeling there will be an opportunity to see all five Spice Girls at some point in the future," Mel teases. "We've gone off, done different things and had families, but our relationships are stronger than ever. It's a nice place to be."

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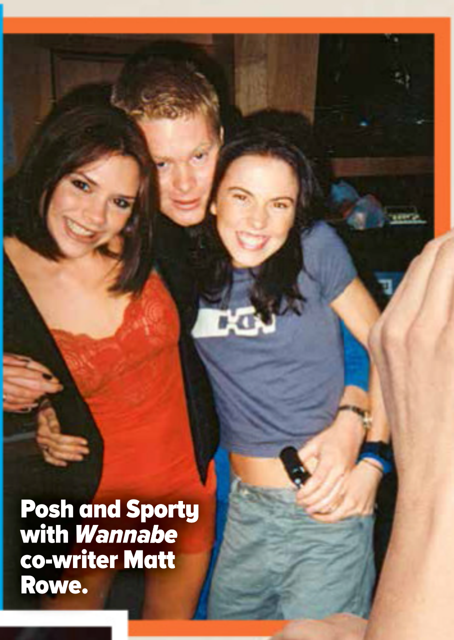

Posh and Sporty with *Wannabe* co-writer Matt Rowe.

DJ Mel C playing Spice Girls hits at Glastonbury in 2022.

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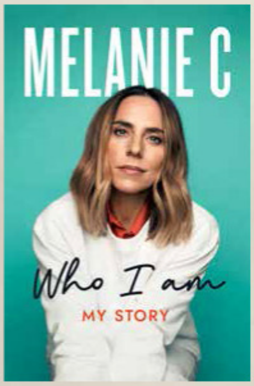

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Who I Am by Melanie C (Welbeck Publishing, $35) is out now.

SECRETS OF HOLLYWOOD'S MOST FAMOUS LOVE CHILDREN

Being born into fame and money doesn't always guarantee glitz and glamour!

KEVIN DEMANDS PATERNITY RESULTS

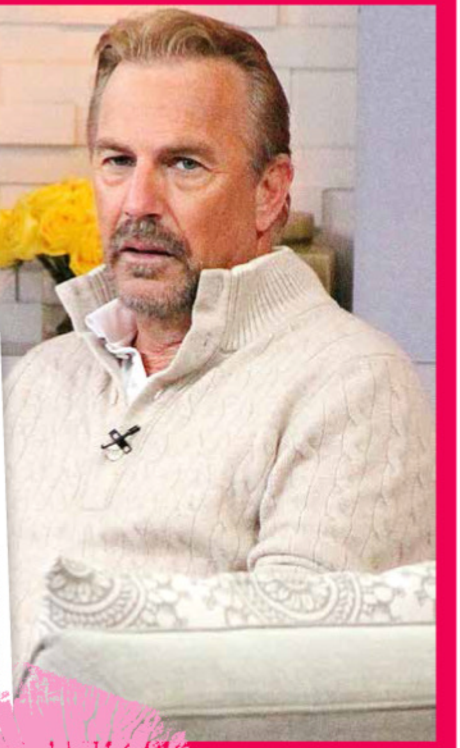
In his hit series *Yellowstone*, Kevin Costner's character has a complicated relationship with his kids – and in his private life, it's no different.

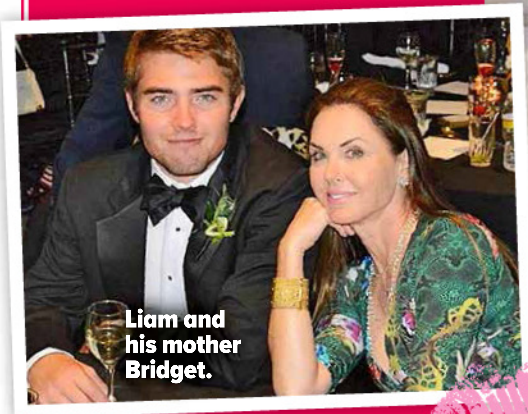
After his seemingly solid marriage to his first wife, university sweetheart Cindy Silva, ended in 1994 after 16 years and three children, reportedly due to his wandering eye, the actor began to play the field.

"Marriage is a hard, hard gig," he complained at the time, with rumours circulating he'd had affairs with Hollywood actresses.

In 1996, Kevin, now 67, became a father to son Liam Costner, the result of a fling with heiress Bridget Rooney, but he refused to accept the boy was his until a DNA test proved it. Since then, Kevin – who went on to marry Cindy Baumgartner and have three more children – is said to have established a trust for Liam, who is now 26 and a Florida realtor.

Despite that, insiders reveal the pair don't share a close relationship, noting that Liam has opted to use his mother's surname.





Liam and his mother Bridget.

OWEN'S NEVER MET HIS DAUGHTER

With her sparkling blue eyes and adorably cheeky face, there's no denying that Lyla Vongsvirates is the daughter of *You, Me And Dupree* star Owen Wilson – not that he's ever met her.

Lyla's mother Varunie recently claimed that the 54-year-old has ignored her pleas to get to know his four-year-old daughter.

"He helps financially, but it's never been about that," says Varunie, who dated Owen on and off for five years. He underwent a paternity test in 2018 to confirm he's Lyla's dad. "It's ironic how he keeps getting these father roles and he's never met his own daughter," Varunie says of Owen, who shares two sons with his ex Caroline Lindqvist.

Varunie is bringing up Lyla solo.

JUDE PLAYS DAD ONCE A YEAR

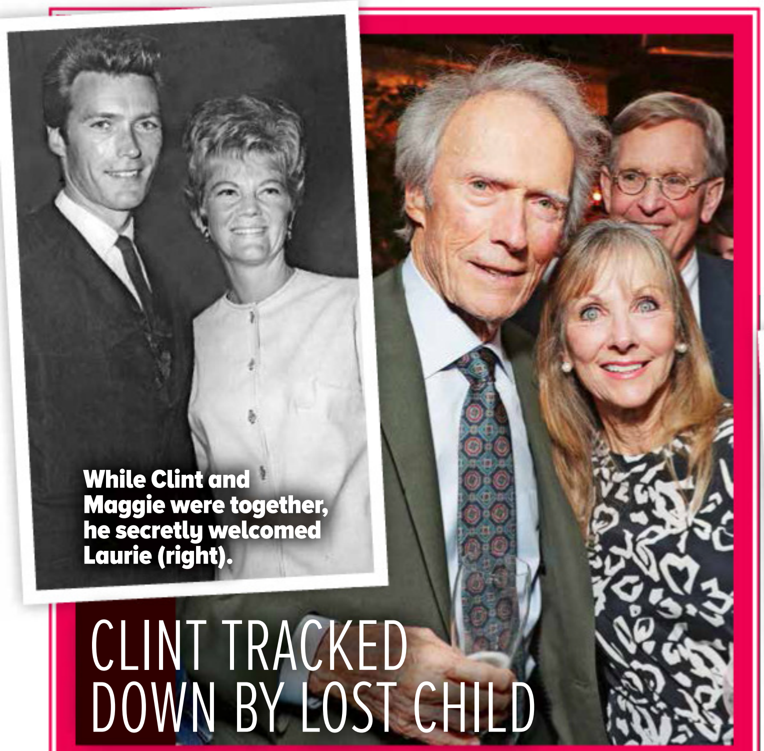
In 2009, British actor Jude Law was left “stunned” when a lawyer advised him he was about to become a dad after a two-night fling with former Hooters waitress Samantha Burke.

“He assumed she was on the Pill,” a source confided at the time. But a paternity test proved that the child in question, a girl, was Jude’s.

These days, Sophia Law is 12 and lives with her mum in Florida – and it’s reported she’s not close with her dad, who she sees no more than once a year.

According to media reports, he pays around $8400 per month in child support, and has agreed to pay any education and medical expenses until Sophia is 18.

Sophia isn’t close with her famous father.



While Clint and Maggie were together, he secretly welcomed Laurie (right).

CLINT TRACKED DOWN BY LOST CHILD

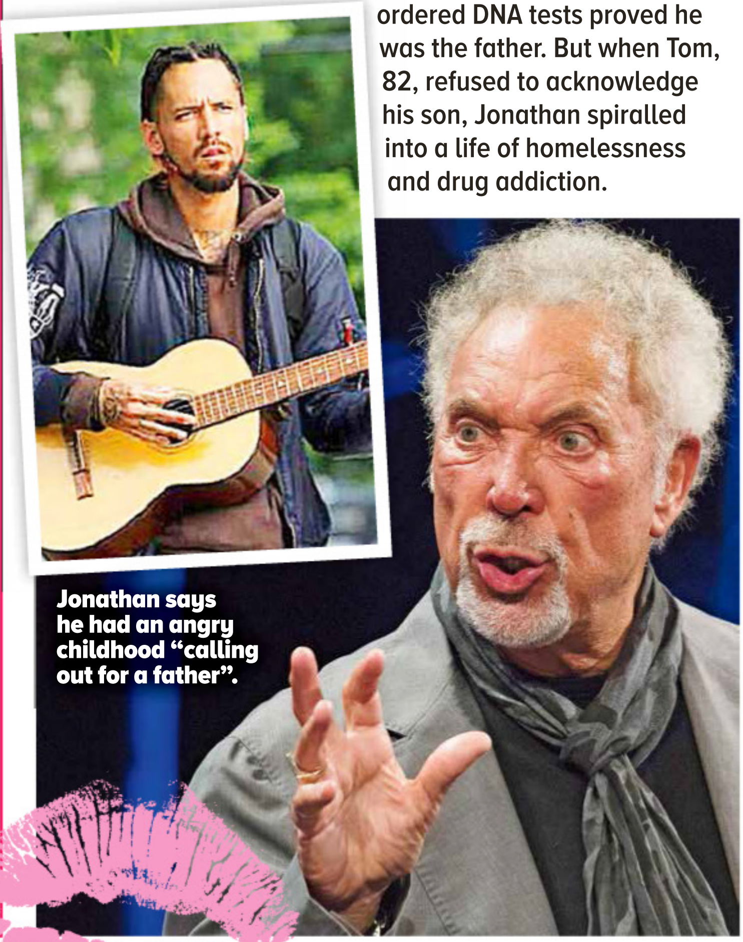
Thirty years after Laurie Murray was given up for adoption in Seattle, she went searching for her real parents – and was shocked to discover her dad was none other than Dirty Harry himself, Clint Eastwood.

Laurie, now 68, was the result of a dalliance between Clint, 92, and her birth mum, while the actor was engaged to his first wife, Maggie Johnson. “From what it appeared, Clint had no idea that Laurie’s mum was pregnant,” a family insider spills.

While Laurie’s birth mum didn’t want to be contacted, the source says Clint was “extremely receptive to her and her situation”. In a sign of Clint’s acceptance, he even took Laurie to the 2004 Oscars alongside her adoptive father and Clint’s mother.

TOM EXILES SON

Given his reputation as a ladies’ man, it would be news if Tom Jones didn’t have a love child. While many stars before him went on to have good relationships with their offspring, Tom’s story isn’t so heartwarming. Jonathan Berkery, 33, was the result of Tom’s three-night romance with a New York model he met in a nightclub in 1987. In 1989, Katherine Berkery forced the Welsh singer into child-support payments after court-ordered DNA tests proved he was the father. But when Tom, 82, refused to acknowledge his son, Jonathan spiralled into a life of homelessness and drug addiction.



Jonathan says he had an angry childhood “calling out for a father”.

DYNASTY'S LINDA EVANS AT 80 'THE TRUTH ABOUT MY FEUD WITH JOAN!'

They were enemies onscreen, but when the cameras stopped rolling, it was a different story

Actress Linda Evans celebrated her 80th birthday late last year and the *Dynasty* icon has never been more content or at peace than she is now, living far away from the hustle and bustle of Hollywood.

The beloved TV star, who played Krystle Carrington on the popular soap, is enjoying life on her sprawling 30-hectare ranch on a lake in Washington, where she now lives with her ex-stepdaughter Sean Derek and a nephew.

"After nearly a decade on *Dynasty*, I was ready for a change," Linda confesses to *Woman's Day*. "I made the move because I had no time for myself and my life was far from private."

Linda was married to actor-director John Derek from 1968 to 1974, and she was devastated when he announced he'd fallen in love with then-17-year-old Bo Collins, who would become Bo Derek, and was leaving her for the young *10* actress.

"At the time, I was crushed," she says. "But eventually I moved on. Bo and I became friends. I also developed friendships with John's other wives, Pati Behrs, the mother of his two children, and actress Ursula Andress."

From 1975 to 1979, Linda was married to realtor Stan Herman, then she dated a string of men for the next 10 years, until 1989, when she fell in love with New Age musician Yanni, who was 12 years her junior.

"When I met Yanni, I wanted to look good, so I had a facelift and laser surgery to get rid of the wrinkles around my eyes. The trouble with plastic surgery is that after 10 years, gravity sets in and wins out, and you must have it done again."

Yanni and Linda went their separate ways in 1998, but she still calls him one of the greatest loves of her life.

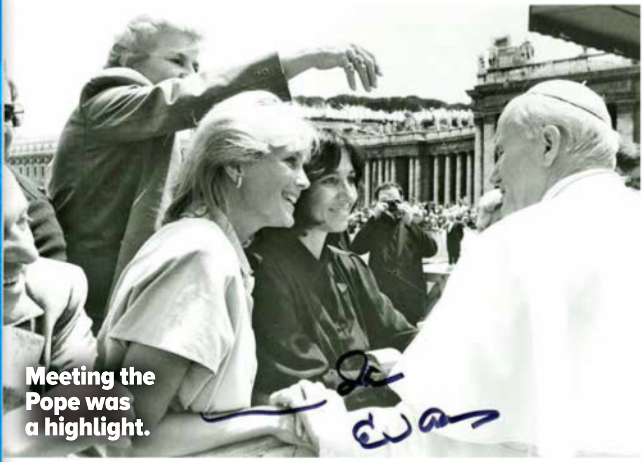
WONDERFUL MEMORIES

While she's had an amazing 80 years, Linda says some of her most treasured memories occurred while filming *Dynasty*, where she was lucky enough to wear a glamorous wardrobe created by costume designer Nolan Miller.

"My favourite costume was the blue wedding dress I wore when I married John [Forsythe as Blake Carrington]," she tells. "And because it took so long to film that episode, we used gorgeous silk flowers. I still have them today – I keep them in a lovely Baccarat crystal vase.

"I adored John. We first became friends when he cast me in his TV series *Bachelor Father* in 1960 and I was thrilled to find I'd be playing his wife on

Linda recalls the crew applauding after filming an iconic catfight with Joan.



Meeting the Pope was a highlight.

Losing husband John to Bo was painful for Linda.

Dynasty. We remained close until he died in 2010.”

Contrary to what people believed, the star says she and Dame Joan Collins, who played Alexis Carrington Colby, got along very well.

“I met her before I did *Dynasty* and she’d been to my house for lunch,” she tells. “Joan and I played opposites. My character Krystle was all about love and hers was about power. This created drama and it was what defined us.”

One of Linda’s favourite scenes with Joan occurred when they had a catfight in a lily pond. “We filmed it at an Estate in Pasadena, California,” she says. “The water appeared to be about six feet [1.83m] deep, but it was really only two-and-a-half feet [76cm]. We had to fight on our knees and wore thick kneepads to make it look authentic.

“We filmed all day and when the director finally yelled ‘Cut!’, Joan and I looked like a couple of drowned rats. We looked at each other and laughed, and the crew broke out in applause and laughter.”

Linda also remembers one of the more difficult scenes she had to film. “Rock Hudson was hired to play my love interest,” she confides.

“It was during the AIDS scare, when warnings went out that gay men were dying at an alarming rate from an unknown illness. I knew Rock was gay and I also knew he hadn’t been well. One scene called for him to kiss me passionately. I had worked with Rock on the TV show *McMillan & Wife* and knew he could deliver a passionate kiss. But when he kissed me, he just brushed my lips with his and then backed off.

“The reason why became clear weeks later, when it was announced he had AIDS. It was touching how he tried his best to protect me. When the truth came out about Rock, it ignited a wildfire in the press. Everyone wanted to know – did Rock give Linda AIDS? It was tragic to see what mass fear could do. It became a circus.”

Linda says she has wonderful memories of working with and meeting many famous people because of her role in the popular TV series.

“I got to meet Pope John Paul II, Bob Hope, Steve McQueen, George Burns, Lee Marvin and Liz Taylor,” she shares. “And I met so many amazing people as I travelled the world. They would warm up to me quickly because I felt like a weekly guest in their homes.”

‘I met Joan before I did *Dynasty*… We were opposites’

Today, Linda lectures women on their journey into their golden years, while also spending her own retirement on her farm with her dogs and her family, where she loves to write and cook. “The best investment you can make in your life is to take care of yourself and be happy.”

Making a milestone is the icing on the cake!

Main picture: Jonas Mohr/JME Productions.

THE NEW BLOCK
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Omar & Oz caught out 'YOU'RE FIRED!'

They've set a new record on the *The Block*, but it's not a good one

They're *The Block Australia*'s resident jokers and they're friends with all their neighbours, but are Omar Slaimankhel and Ozman "Oz" Abu Malik as easy-going as they seem?

When no-nonsense foreman Keith Schleiger spotted tradies with power tools in their house at 5am one morning, he was quick to point out they're not playing by the rules.

Taking a closer look at how Oz and Omar have been running their build, he noticed how many tradies they've gone through and wondered if they were pushing the rules – and their workers – too far.

"Why is this happening, guys?" he asked after pointing out they've set a *Block* record for the number of tradies who arrive and then disappear, either sacked or quitting.

Oz says the answer is simple – if someone's not up to the job, they're gone. The 31-year-old building maintenance manager explains, "A lot of people were overwhelmed with the workload of *The Block* and how demanding it is, and as you know, on *The Block*, budget is everything, so to be honest, sometimes the money wasn't good enough for them."

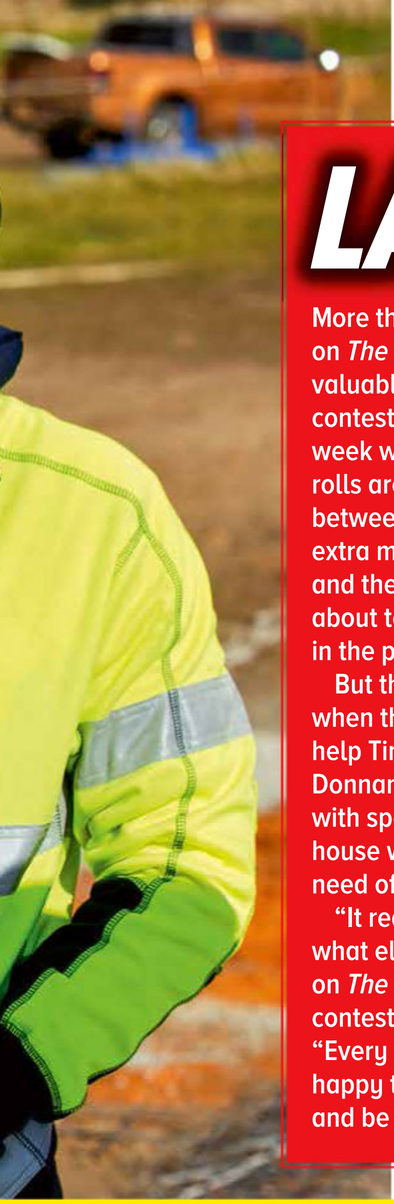
But the more Keith looked, the more corner-cutting he found, until finally he threatened to kick 30-year-old former NRL star Omar – who came to New Zealand as a refugee from Afghanistan, before moving to Australia – and Oz's entire team of workers off the building site.

"I'm sick of the dodginess," he said. "We're constantly catching them doing the wrong thing and it's got to stop."

It all came to a head when *The Block* veteran Ronnie Caceres visited the site, and urged the other contestants to take a close look at how Omar and Oz were able to afford so many workers.

Former contestant Ronnie meets Sharon and Ankur.

They thought he was just stirring, but it got them thinking – and that's a good thing, insists Ronnie, 46. He adds, "If everyone has issues, maybe they should do something about it. Don't wait until it's done and dusted – then



they'll have won *The Block* and you think, 'Well, I should have said something!'"

So with Keith watching closely and their rivals starting to grumble, are Omar and Oz about to get caught breaking one rule too many?

Words: Scott Ellis.

LABOUR OF LOVE

More than anything else on *The Block*, the most valuable resource for contestants is time. Each week when a challenge rolls around, they're torn between the chance to win extra money for their build and the fact that they're about to lose a day of work in the process.

But that wasn't the case when the challenge was to help Tim Atlas and Tyler Donnan, two local men with special needs whose house was in desperate need of a makeover.

"It really didn't matter what else was happening on *The Block*," explains contestant Rachel Carr. "Every single one of us was happy to drop everything and be there."

Divided into two teams, the Blockheads got to work transforming the home in days. On one side were Dylan Adams, Jenny Heath, Sharon Johal, Ankur Dogra, Omar and Oz, and on the other were Rachel, Ryan Carr, Tom Calleja, Sarah-Jane Wilson, foreman Dan Reilly and former *Block* contestant Duncan Miller, who's now working on host Scott Cam's build.

With the makeover shoehorned into the middle of Kitchen Week, it was a lot of work, admits Rachel, 36, but Tim and Tyler's reaction when they saw the result made them all winners.

Rachel says, "It was unbelievable. It just made everything worth it."

From left: Show co-host Shelley Craft, Tyler, his dad Shane, Tim and his brother Mitchell.

Blockhead Rachel loved helping with the makeover.

IS SCOTTY BEING REPLACED?

Since injuring his neck in 2020, *The Block Australia* host Scott Cam has hinted to industry insiders that he's considering retirement.

"Is that my working life over?" the 60-year-old mused after the accident. "It's a real mental strain thinking I may not be able to work again... I'll give up when my body tells me to."

And there's speculation he could be replaced by Jamie Durie, who originally hosted the first two series of the Three show in 2003 and 2004, before moving to the US, where he appeared on several reality series and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

With Jamie, 52, recently returning to Australia and *The Block* about to celebrate its 20th birthday, the timing could be right for a comeback... Watch this space!

Jamie ran the show from 2003 to 2004.

Scotty admits *The Block* is getting harder each year.

THE AMAZING RACE AUSTRALIA

Heath & Toni

‘WE’RE MAKING MEMORIES’

The heartbreaking reason they’re giving the race their all

The Amazing Race Australia’s husband-and-wife team Heath Curry and Toni Hilland have always been united by their love of adventure. They’ve travelled all over Oz and seen plenty of the globe too.

But travel became even more important when Toni discovered she had terminal breast cancer. With international travel still posing challenges because of COVID, the couple decided to take a chance and apply to the fast-paced reality show.

“Without the diagnosis, I don’t think we would have applied,” admits Toni, 39. “We would be like everybody else – going to work, keeping our heads down and saving for the next holiday or whatever it might be. We live differently now. We’re trying to grab every opportunity and make as many memories as possible together.”

Thankfully, they were successful. Now the dynamic duo is among the strongest of the 20 teams in the race. While they admit they struggled to think about anything other than the competition, there was a moment that really hit home for Toni.

“I only got sad once during the race, and it was because the world is so beautiful and I might not be able to see as much of it as I want to,” she shares. “Everybody lives like we’ve got forever and we don’t.”

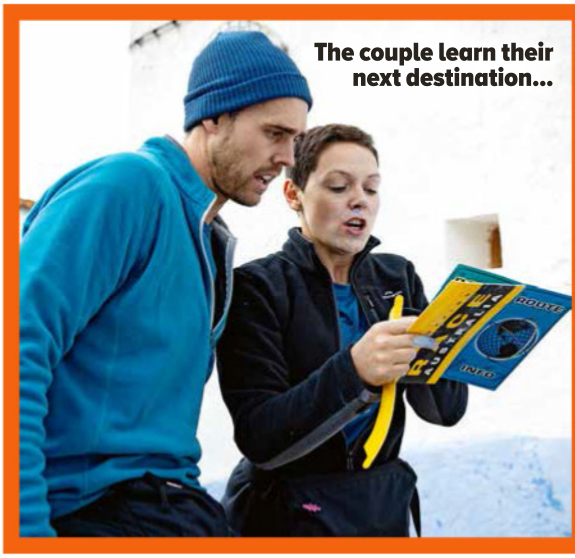
Heath, 34, has been a constant support to Toni throughout, and says they’re a perfect match in both love and the TVNZ 2 reality show.

“Together, we’re the best versions of ourselves,” he explains. “Toni is very excitable and I feel like I calm her down, but she really pushes me too – we balance each other out.”

Toni hopes her participating in the show might raise awareness of breast cancer, but also demonstrate that one can still live life to the full.

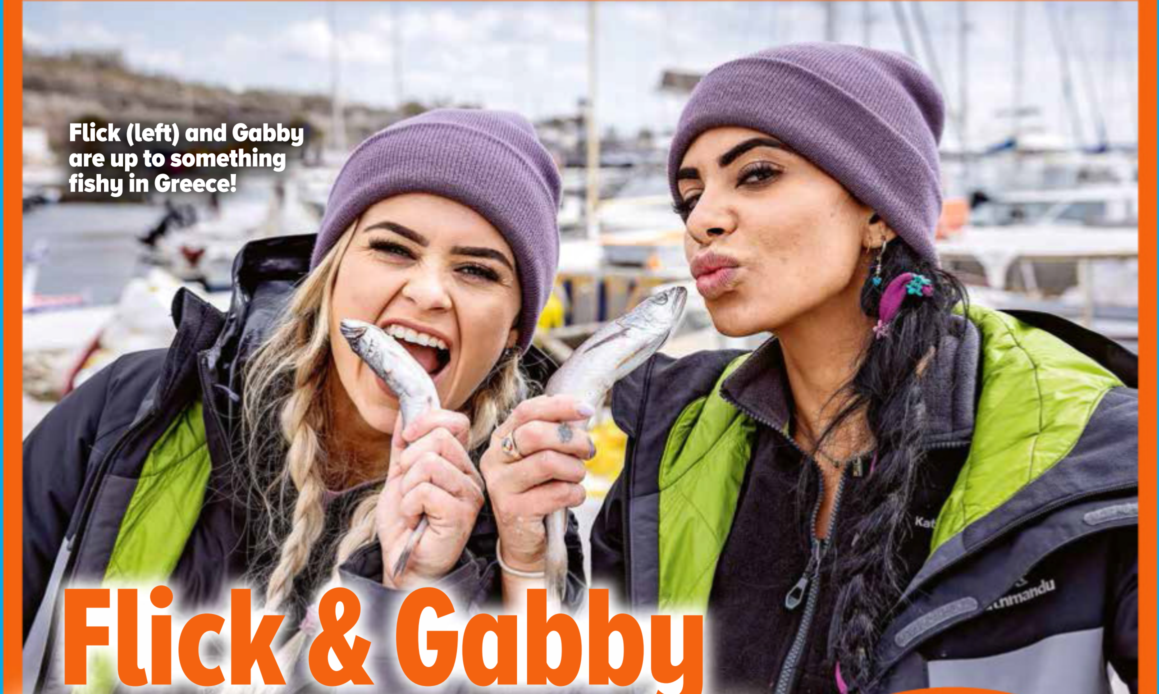
“For the first year after I was diagnosed, I was trying to deal with it on my own and with Heath,” she says. “Now that I’ve crawled out of that, I want to do something to have an impact for the good of other people.

“I’m feeling good right now and my body is doing the right thing, so I’m going to use it to do what I can and see as much as I can.”



The couple learn their next destination...

... and taste all that *The Amazing Race* throws at them.



Flick (left) and Gabby are up to something fishy in Greece!

Flick & Gabby ‘EMOTIONS ARE RUNNING HIGH’

The sisters reveal why they’re clashing with their competitors

The Amazing Race Australia is taking a toll on the teams dashing around the globe and no one is feeling the pressure more than barista sisters Gabby and Felicity “Flick” Mifsud.

After winning the first leg of the race in Morocco, the siblings were clearly ones to watch, but as the teams head to Turkey, tensions reach boiling point thanks to a couple of terse run-ins with their greatest competition, church friends Angel Williams and Francis “Frankie” Vaaua.

“When you’re sleep-deprived, hungry and have just travelled across the world, emotions run high,” confesses Flick, 28. “Everything that comes out of everyone’s mouth can really hit home.”

Flick and Gabby admit they let their rivals get under their skin as the competition began to really ramp up.

“You say things you wouldn’t if you weren’t in such a hectic race,” explains Gabby, 26. “It’s a heightened, stressful situation where things are said we don’t really mean. But six months later, it’s something we all laugh about. I wouldn’t call it a rivalry. It’s a bump in the road and we really love Frankie and Angel – they’re awesome.”

Not everyone would want to travel with a sibling, but for the sisters, it’s no trouble. After all, they’ve spent the past seven years running their Melbourne coffee cart-turned-café The Snappy Grump and know how to work together for the best outcome.

“Our dad worked the night shift from when we were young, so a lot of the time, it was just Flick and I left to cook for ourselves and make our own entertainment,” Gabby shares. “That’s when we built our friendship.”

Flick continues, “At the start of owning the coffee cart, we would constantly get on each other’s nerves, but we learnt how to work together and what works best.”

So far, their tight bond has come in handy, especially when they struggled with the difficult challenge of navigating narrow Greek streets in a manual car.

“I was incredibly stressed,” Flick recalls. “I felt I could lose this race for us from just the driving challenge. I was really emotional and stressed out, but Gab had my back the whole time. She kept me going.”

Frankie and Angel keep an eye on the competition.

I'M PROOF YOU CAN GIVE ANYTHING A GO!

Nearly 10 years after the accident that left her paralysed, gutsy Sam is ticking off some big ambitions

Sam Bloom has a simple message. "I want people to get out there and give things a go," she says. "You're never too old or too damaged to do things that matter."

It's a powerful statement considering all Sam's been through. In January 2013, the Aussie mum's life changed forever when she fell through a rotten balcony railing and onto concrete six metres below while on a dream family holiday in Thailand.

The catastrophic accident fractured Sam's skull, ruptured her lungs and shattered her spinal cord, which left her paralysed from the chest down.

Suddenly facing disability, the previously fit and active Sam's world came crashing down. That is, until the unlikely arrival of an injured magpie named Penguin, who her family adopted.

Sam's photographer husband Cameron documented both Sam and the magpie's recovery, which formed the international bestseller *Penguin Bloom*. When Hollywood got hold of it, a blockbuster movie was made, with Naomi Watts starring as Sam, and the story has inspired millions across the globe.

"Never in a million years did we think someone would want to make a movie about our story," the 51-year-old tells *Woman's Day*. "For me, the most positive thing that's come out is encouraging other people."

> 'You're never too old or too damaged to do things that matter'

Since its release in 2020, nothing's changed for her family. Instead, Sam focused her attention on training for last month's World Para Surfing Championship in California, where she placed fourth.

In her keynote speech at the event, she declared, "No matter how much you hurt or how bad you feel, accepting the love of others and loving them in return to whatever degree you can will help you feel whole again."

NOTHING TO LOSE

It took Sam five years to get back on a surfboard after her accident and when she did, it was due to a random act of kindness.

She tells, "I got a letter from a lady called Nola Wilson. Her son Julian is a professional surfer. She knew I used to surf and loved it, and sent me the most gorgeous letter. She encouraged me to get back into the water in her letter and so I did."

With the help of Cameron, Sam started to surf again and she has

With her beloved magpie friend Penguin.

Sam and Naomi on the set of *Penguin Bloom*.

since won two gold medals in international para-surfing competitions. Previously, she was helped by her husband to catch a wave, but after a competition in Hawai'i last July, she's now surfing completely unassisted.

"I was pretty nervous, but I thought I had nothing to lose – and I beat the world champion!" Sam shares. "I was stoked."

Getting back into the sport has even meant making new friends, including fellow Aussie inspiration Turia Pitt, who suffered burns to 65% of her body during an ultramarathon event.

"She is the coolest person ever," enthuses Sam, adding that having mates who have gone through similarly difficult times has helped her. "We instantly had a connection when we met."

"Our injuries are different, but we still get it," she says. "She lost a lot and I lost a lot, and it's nice to just bounce off someone who understands."

DEDICATED TO DREAMS

Promoting accessibility is important to Sam, who raises awareness through her social media and was recently an ambassador for the Melbourne Disability Expo.

"Some doors are so hard to get into as a wheelchair user, even bathroom doors," she says. "Even footpaths are rough. It's getting better, but it's a challenge."

While Sam takes these obstacles on the chin, in the early days of her recovery, that kind of optimism was hard to come by.

"I struggled after the accident," she admits. "As far as I was concerned, my life was over."

But these days, Sam's dedicated to never giving up on her dreams and this year, she plans to take her boys, Rueben, 20, Noah, 19, and Oliver, 17, to Africa to show them her favourite place in the world from before her fall in Thailand.

"I can't wait to take the boys there," she says. "Before the accident, if I wanted to do something, I just did it and now my message is, 'Don't put your dreams on hold.' If you want to do something, go for it. It's the one thing I'm most grateful for."

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Sam calls Turia "the coolest person ever".

We’re seeing the go blind

After a heartbreaking diagnosis, the Lemay family set out on a big adventure

The family took a relaxing dip on the Lycian Coast of Turkey.

Watching her children surface above the clouds while on a breathtaking hot-air balloon ride, Edith Lemay can’t help but get teary.

It’s been a tough journey to happiness for the family of six after they discovered three of the children suffer from a rare genetic condition that will cause them to slowly become blind.

But sitting in the basket of a balloon as the sun rises over Turkey, the Canadian family has never been more grateful.

“Leo looked at me and said, ‘Mummy, this is just like your dream,’ and that’s how it felt because it was so magical,” Edith, 44, tells *Woman’s Day*.

“It’s a memory we will treasure forever.”

Edith and her husband Sebastien Pelletier, 45, decided to take their four children on the trip of a lifetime after learning about their incurable condition.

Their eldest child Mia was just three years old when she started having vision problems. Doctors passed off her condition as a developmental issue, however, Edith knew something was wrong and asked for specialist tests.

Four years later, Mia, now 11, was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa – a rare condition that causes the cells of the retina to slowly die. After recognising similar symptoms in their two youngest children, Colin and Laurent, now seven and five, the couple received confirmation their sons shared the same condition as Mia. Their other boy Leo, nine, was given the all-clear.

“It was like grieving – at first, we were in disbelief, then sad and angry,” admits Edith, who works in healthcare.

> ‘We’ve let the adventure take us wherever’

Edith and Sebastien were told by specialists to fill her children’s visual memories through books so they would be able to remember objects as their vision declined over time.

“That’s when it clicked for me: We’re not going to go look at an elephant in a book – we’re going to go see them in in real life,” tells Edith.

“We’ve let the adventure take us wherever and it’s been amazing so far.”

The family began their travels in Africa, where they walked among elephants, giraffes and zebras, before flying off to Turkey, then traipsing through the vast Mongolian desert and, more recently, relaxing in Indonesia. They homeschool the children along the way.

Nine months into their trip, the family has largely ticked off everything on their bucket list – surfing, horseback riding, sleeping on a train and, bizarrely, drinking a juice while on a camel.

But New Zealand is still on the to-do list, with Edith noting that Mia is “obsessed” with the idea of coming Downunder.

FUTURE-FOCUSED

However, it’s not all sunshine and rainbows, as Edith freely admits.

“There’s going to be a lot of adjustment, and a lot of falling down and getting back on their feet,” she says.

As the oldest sibling, Mia is really positive about her condition and says she feels really lucky to be able to travel the world.

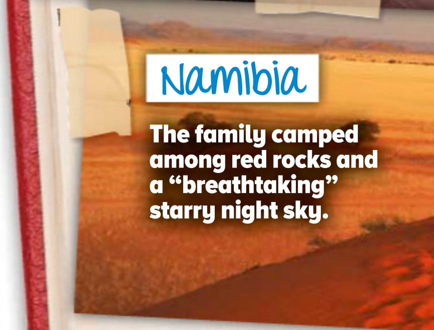
But for the younger children, the question of what their futures will look like keeps arising.

“Travelling has taught them resilience – they’ll need it when they’re older to adapt to their vision loss,” tells Edith.

“I want them to see that their blindness is not that bad and that no situation stays bad forever – it eventually gets better.”

Turkey

A magical hot-air balloon ride left the kids in awe!



Namibia

The family camped among red rocks and a “breathtaking” starry night sky.

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world before we

Chasing rainbows (from left): Mia, Leo, Colin and Laurent had lots of fun touring central Mongolia.

Tanzania

The kids splashed around the beaches of Zanzibar.

Mongolia

Mia fulfilled her dream of galloping across the wild grasslands.

Breakfast ahead of a big day of exploring!

Namibia

Sebastien raises Laurent high into the sky!

SYDNEY SIEGE HOSTAGE 'I HAD TO SURVIVE FOR MY DAUGHTER'

Pregnant during the ordeal, café worker Harriette has built a life full of happiness in the past eight years

The day before the Lindt Café siege in Australia, Harriette Denny posed for a photo holding her baby scan pictures that she planned to send to her family announcing her happy news.

A barista at the Sydney eatery, Harriette had decided she was going to ask her manager Tori Johnson to be godfather to her first child when she returned to work.

"Tori was so happy and full of light," Harriette, 38, tells *Woman's Day*.

"Whenever I see a sunflower, I think of Tori. I see them at the most random of times. I could be having a really hard day, then I see a bunch of flowers and it makes my heart feel so full."

Tragically, Tori was killed by the gunman during the 16-hour stand-off, in an unimaginable nightmare Harriette describes as "still so vivid" and understandably finds very difficult to talk about.

Desperate to protect her unborn baby, Harriette recalls how she kept as quiet as she could during the hours of terror, managing to escape after 2am, just minutes before police raided the venue.

Woman's Day first met with Harriette in August 2015 to celebrate the arrival of her baby Billie Georgina Rose.

Seven years on and quite a few centimetres taller, Billie is now happily twirling and cartwheeling her away around the garden as Harriette talks about how their lives have been since December 2014.

"We've had a couple of additions to our family since Billie," Harriette smiles.

> 'Billie helps me get through a lot of hurdles'

"Our life is very busy now – noisy, loud and chaotic, but so beautiful. There's lots of laughter in our home."

In the years since we last spoke to Harriette, she has welcomed her daughter Margot, three, and more recently, a little boy called Rocco, one, with partner Jorge, 48, who she describes as her "best friend".

PROTECTIVE PARENT

When Harriette talks about her eldest, it's clear she couldn't be prouder of the seven-year-old.

"Billie is turning into this amazing human being," she beams. "The way she interacts with the younger children, with so much tenderness, love and care, it's so beautiful to see. She helps me get through a lot of hurdles."

Confessing that what she went through eight years ago has left its mark, the stay-at-home mum continues, "I am very much a protective parent. I'm trying to let go of it. I'm not the mum I thought I would be before the siege happened."

When asked what she imagined she'd be like, Harriette explains how she envisioned she'd be more "outgoing and relaxed".

"I thought I'd be taking my children out everywhere, but unfortunately, with my anxiety and my post-traumatic stress

Harriette's friend Tori was killed in the siege.

Lindt Café siege survivor Harriette Denny

The baby healing my heart

Over seven months after the Martin Place tragedy, this brave survivor finally has a reason to smile again.

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Harriette says daughter Billie is a sensitive soul.

disorder, I have to plan every outing – how we get there, how long we're going to stay, how we can leave... It's meticulous."

Harriette now avoids going into the Sydney CBD and finds being in large crowds of people difficult.

MOVING FORWARD

To help her navigate through her self-described "difficult days", Harriette enlists the help of some of her most supportive friends.

"I've met some incredible women in the medical field – my psychologist and my two GPs have been with me since the start, and they're all mothers too," she says.

"The best thing I did was to ask for help."

As Billie gets older and approaches high-school age, the thought of her finding out about the siege plays on Harriette's mind.

"We will have a discussion with her later down the track," says Hariette.

"She has a few ideas as she has seen photos of herself from previous stories, but she doesn't really understand.

"I'd hope I could talk to her more about my experience post-siege and the struggle I had in those first years afterwards, rather than what happened inside the café."

REMEMBERING TORI

As the anniversary of the siege approaches each year, just weeks before Christmas, Harriette says she tries to keep in touch with her fellow Lindt Café co-workers, Jarrod Morton-Hoffman, Fiona Ma and Joel Herat, who is also Billie's godfather.

"When I see them, it's like we've never been apart," she smiles. "We have this bond, especially Joel and I, and I know it's going to last a lifetime.

"I don't look at Christmas as fondly as I used to, but when you have three children, you want to make it joyful for them."

Harriette also continues to look out for sunflowers, which she explains were Tori's favourite bloom. It's fitting that when Billie began school, her kindergarten class was named "Sunflower".

"It was such a beautiful reminder," Harriette says. "I know it's probably just a coincidence, but I'd like to think it's something more."

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ACROSS

1. Male deer's noise from heart (4)
4. Moan diet is about control (8)
8. Sliding from left to separate track (6)
9. I tarry over something that's not very common (6)
10. Rev up mouth with cocktail ingredient (8)
12. Pay attention to Dee returning to hotel (4)
13. Keith loses energy with friends (4)
15. Put on gangster boss (3)
16. Investor's part of garment (4)
17. Ogle new brick toy (4)
19. Lack of caution causes spotty condition? (8)
21. The French take to pest with grinding implement (6)
22. Claire cooked a cream cake (6)
23. Tiara got broken by troublemaker (8)
24. I'm leaving images for a long time (4)

DOWN

2. Full of energy, I've followed Al (5)
3. Hi, Trump – moving victory! (7)
4. Deity returns canine (3)
5. Traders get chants from me, right (9)
6. Somewhat unorthodox direction (5)
7. Rest up on the binds (7)
11. Endured beneath then quit (9)
14. Lettuce a titanic problem! (7)
16. House containing an ice-cream flavour (7)
18. Group see alien film after tenth month (5)
20. Long after southern bones (5)
22. Stray while a little merry (3)

SUDOKU

Fill in the blank squares with the numbers 1 to 9 so that each row, each column and each smaller 3x3 block contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

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THIS WEEK'S BIG CROSSWORD

$1000 PRIZE

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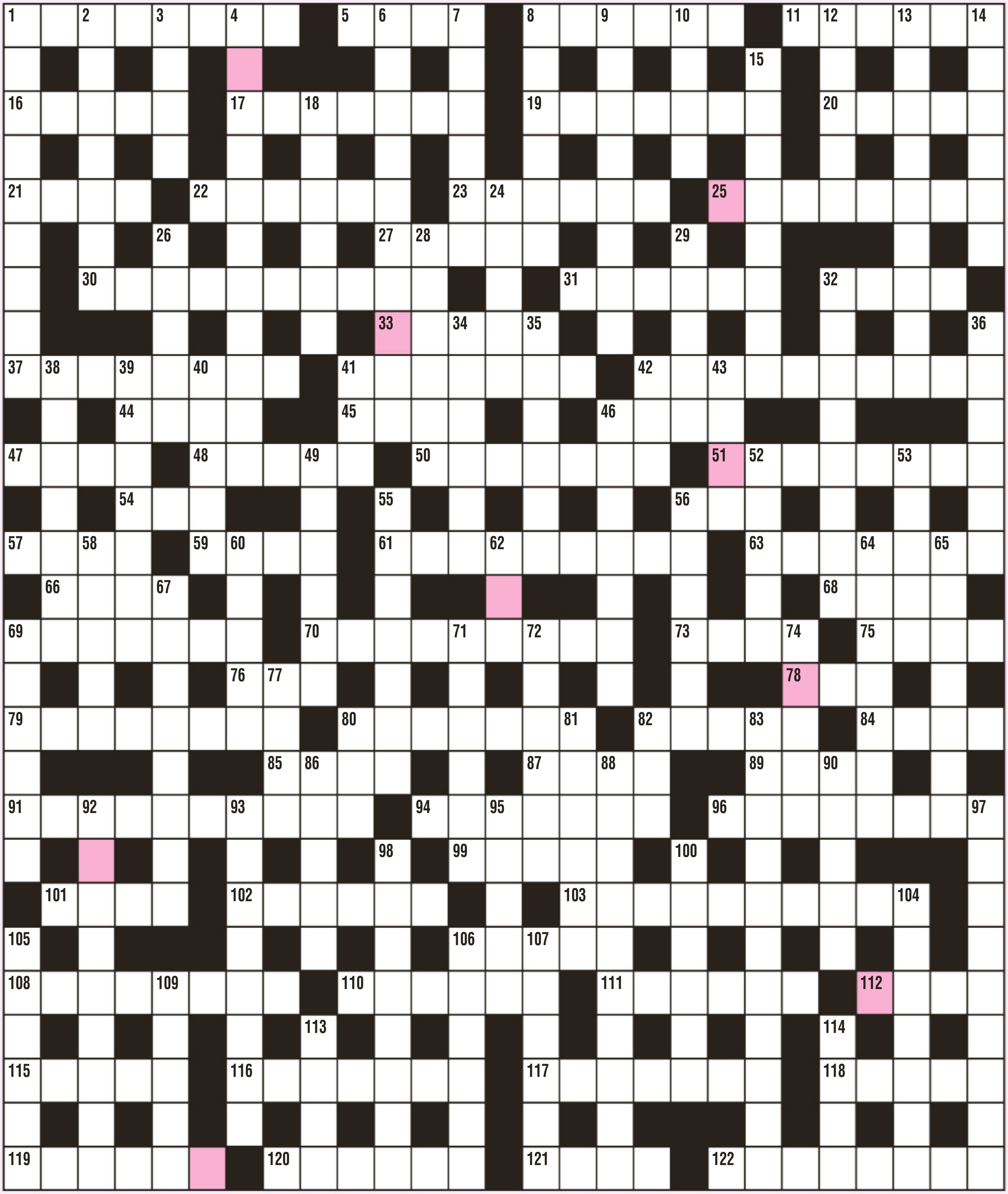
ACROSS

1. Above all, first and ...
5. Retail store
8. Lining up on target, ... the weapon
11. Makes an angry face
16. Dodge
17. Artificial fibre similar to wool
19. Second hearing of court case
20. *Ozark* star, ... Bateman
21. Today FM radio presenter, ... Panapa
22. Casual French eatery
23. Talking points
25. Peak, apex
27. Sews loosely, ... the pieces together
30. Teacher's writing display
31. Large species of penguin
32. Long-running TV series, ... opera
33. Egg shapes
37. Sends with a letter, ... some cash
41. Sounded out letter by letter, ... the word
42. Tumbledown, dilapidated
44. Curving lines
45. Hair-wave treatment
46. Strong plant fibre
47. Exercise in water, ... laps
48. Money-lending
50. Illicit alcohol, ... liquor
51. George Orwell novel, ... *Eighty-Four*
54. Simple sports top, netball ...
56. Traditional Arabic lute
57. Sixth letter of the Greek alphabet
59. Very keen, an ... reader
61. Spoke to, ... the nation
63. Blew his top, ... in anger
66. Scarlet and crimson, etc
68. Form of white cooking fat
69. Intimidated, frightened
70. Full of vigour
73. Different, wear something ...
75. Abalone
76. Be mistaken
78. Blemish
79. South Australian tourist destination, ... Island
80. Controls
82. Storage space in a roof
84. Baghdad's country
85. Top of baby's bottle
87. Harry Styles song said to be inspired by his NZer ex Georgia Fowler
89. Bottle's narrow part
91. Failing to comply, ... instructions
94. Became ready to pick
96. Means, medians
99. Small short-legged breed of dog
101. Balletic squat
102. Expresses amusement, ... out loud
103. Stressed, ... the importance
106. King of the gods in Hinduism
108. Vanity unit location
110. In the forefront of fashion, very ...
111. Hold on to, ... a world title
112. Exploited
115. Celebrity elite (1-4)
116. Green soy beans
117. Memory loss condition
118. Blacksmith's block
119. *Toxic* pop star, Britney ...
120. Cleans the plumage
121. Ladies' fingers vegie
122. Wrote a critique, ... the film

DOWN

1. Self-employed, ... writer
2. Pink crumble stalks
3. Look, manner
4. Queasiness on the water
6. Vivid purple-pink colour
7. Outdoor meal
8. On the other side, ... the river
9. Was important, it ... to me
10. Carpentry pin
12. Spicy cuisine of Louisiana
13. Witty remark
14. Fourteen-line poem
15. Chicago's state
18. Proportions
24. Poison symbol, ... and crossbones
26. Army rank, sergeant ...
28. Part of speech often ending "ly"
29. Animal that's the source of ermine
32. Embarrassing
34. Gluten-free nut "flour", ... meal
35. Long couch
36. Rested against, ... on
38. Cannot be seen, is ... in sight
39. Fast South American dance
40. Diving gear tanks
41. Melissa McCarthy and Rose Byrne comedy
42. Mat, fireside ...
43. List of meal options
46. Star of *The Good Nurse*, ... Chastain
49. Boat's steering blade
52. Notions, thoughts
53. Supplementary
55. Site of King Arthur's court
56. Most bizarre
58. Woodwork joint
60. Film on tape
62. Type of American whiskey
64. Ground red pepper used in goulash
65. Teach
67. Mobilise rapidly, ... the fighter jets
69. Obsolete word for the Japanese emperor
71. Irish language
72. Mender of pots and pans
74. Compere, show host
77. Indian flatbread
80. Almost choke
81. Choir member, vocalist
82. Emergency medical help, first ...
83. Study in detail, ... the crime
86. Follow as a consequence
88. German gun-dog breed
90. Squeeze
92. Card game played alone
93. Jaundiced
95. Pummel, punch
97. Organised a time, ... the meeting
98. Lack of supply, ... of soap
100. Camera shots (abbrev)
104. Disclaim, disown
105. German World War II submarines (1-5)
106. Concludes, deduces
107. Industrious person
109. Revolving blade
113. Lily Allen hit single from 2009, *Not* ...
114. Cab for hire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When you've solved the crossword, the letters on the shaded squares, reading left to right, top to bottom, spell a mystery word or phrase.

The mystery word

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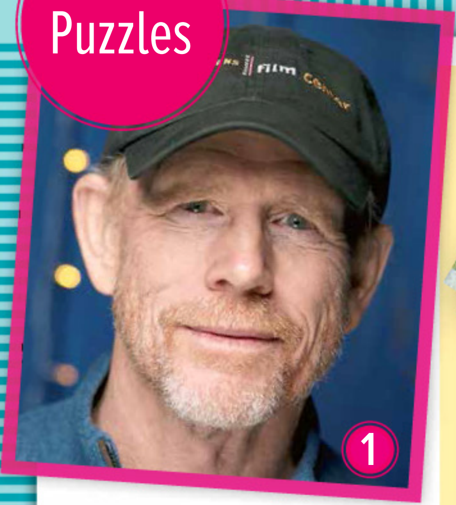

BRAINBUSTERS

1 Academy Award-winning director Ron Howard (above) became a household name in the '70s starring in which popular sitcom?

2 Wisent is another name for which animal?

3 In Norse mythology, what is the name of the rainbow bridge connecting Asgard and Earth?

4 Fashion designer Jimmy Choo is known for which items of designer clothing?

5 What is the more common name of the ailment tinea pedis?

6 The epic war drama *Apocalypse Now* was loosely based on which Joseph Conrad classic?

7 Beginning with Q, what language was spoken by the Incas?

8 Which US state comes last in an alphabetical listing?

9 What material is the famous portrait *Mona Lisa* painted on?

10 Meaning "openness", which policy was introduced into the Soviet Union by Mikhail Gorbachev?

11 Which trees are endemic to Norfolk Island?

12 What is the name of the new self-help book penned by former US first lady Michelle Obama (below)?

$100 PRIZE

See 'How To Enter' (last page)

WORDFIND
TIM ROTH

The names, words and titles below all relate to actor Tim. All except one of them can be found in the grid. They can read backwards or forwards, vertically, horizontally or diagonally. The leftover name, title or word is the mystery answer.

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Archie
Bergman Island
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Gig
Grace Of Monaco
Guildenstern
Hoodlum
Invincible
Lie To Me
Luce
Mr Orange
Mr Right
No Way Home
Peter
Pulp Fiction
Reservoir Dogs
Ringo
Rob Roy
Schultz
Selma
Sundown
The Hit
The Misfits
Tin Star
Tony
Vatel

CODE CRACKER

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. Work out which number stands for each letter, write them in the grid below and cross them off the list – we've given you three to start you off.

Fill in the letters in the box beneath the puzzle to spell the mystery word.

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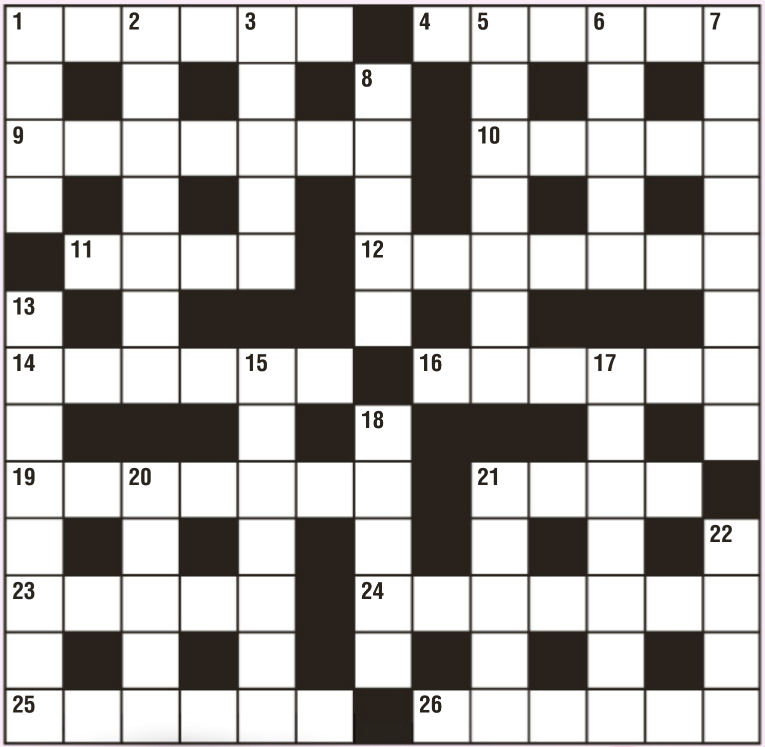
EASY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Cleans with a broom
4. Brook, creek
9. Willingly
10. Heavenly messenger
11. Lead actor
12. Taking the most time, the ... journey
14. Revenue
16. Head of a newspaper
19. Pouch for a handgun
21. Fish flippers
23. US cattle farm
24. Cult Kiwi drama, *Outrageous ...*
25. Very different, ... apart
26. Container for liquids, drinking ...

DOWN

1. Painful, a ... shoulder
2. Stretchable rubber cord
3. Before, ... to
5. Practised, ... for the finals
6. Large bird of prey
7. Relating to the armed forces
8. Repeating series of events
13. Took cash out, ... funds
15. Equalled, ... their donation
17. Languages, native ...
18. Weaving or pottery, eg
20. Related to the Moon
21. Coerce, compel
22. Fruit skin, orange ...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STARWORD

Work out the names of the celebrities pictured in this Starword and enter for your chance to win!

$200 PRIZE

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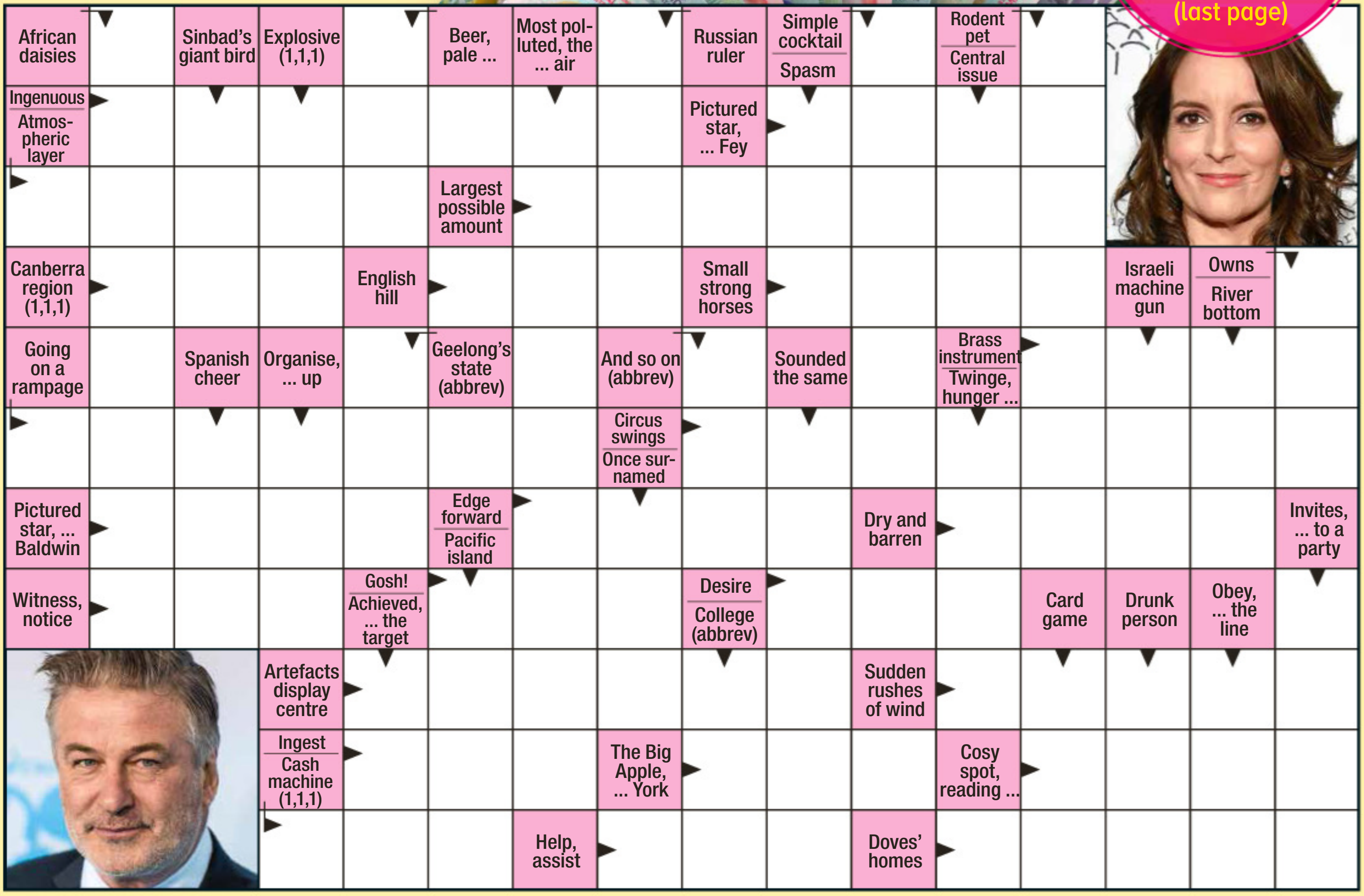
African daisies
Sinbad's giant bird
Explosive (1,1,1)
Beer, pale ...
Most polluted, the ... air
Russian ruler
Simple cocktail
Spasm
Rodent pet
Central issue
Ingenuous
Atmospheric layer
Pictured star, ... Fey
Largest possible amount
Canberra region (1,1,1)
English hill
Small strong horses
Israeli machine gun
Owns
River bottom
Going on a rampage
Spanish cheer
Organise, ... up
Geelong's state (abbrev)
And so on (abbrev)
Sounded the same
Brass instrument
Twinge, hunger ...
Circus swings
Once surnamed
Pictured star, ... Baldwin
Edge forward
Pacific island
Dry and barren
Invites, ... to a party
Witness, notice
Gosh!
Achieved, ... the target
Desire
College (abbrev)
Card game
Drunk person
Obey, ... the line
Artefacts display centre
Sudden rushes of wind
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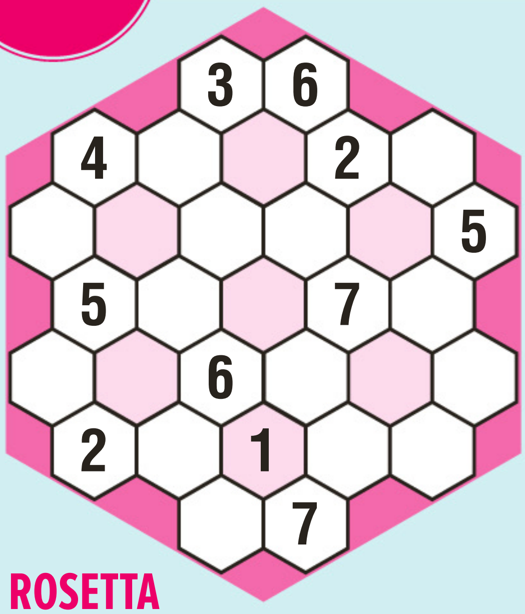
Cash machine (1,1,1)
The Big Apple, ... York
Cosy spot, reading ...
Help, assist
Doves' homes



ROSETTA

A rosetta is made up of a centre coloured hexagon surrounded by six white hexagons. To complete the puzzle, fill in all seven rosettas with each number between 1 and 7 in no particular order while also ensuring that:

1. No number is repeated in a horizontal row

2. Each number from 1 to 7 is represented in the seven coloured hexagon cells.

WORDMAKER

How many words of four letters or more, including one of nine letters, can you make from the letters here – with each word containing the letter in the centre? Don't include proper names or plurals.

U	E	P
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LOGIC BRAINTRAINER

Jan, Mai and Fran are managers of a cleaning business. Tonight, each is overseeing a team at a different office building. From the clues, can you tell which of the cleaning teams they are in charge of, the time the job starts and the number of storeys of the office block they're cleaning?

CLUES

1. The team cleaning the 10-storey tower started work at 8.30pm.

2. Jan is overseeing Team 1.

3. Mai's team, which isn't Team 3, is cleaning the tallest tower.

4. Fran isn't leading the team that started cleaning nine storeys at 9pm.

Each time you rule out a match, put a cross where the vertical and horizontal squares meet in the grid. When you find a match, put a tick in the grid. Also put a cross in the other two squares horizontally and vertically in the same line, as no other combinations can be true. By doing so, you'll gradually be able to solve the puzzle.

WHAT TIME DID MAI'S CLEANING TEAM START WORK?	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	9 STOREYS	10 STOREYS	11 STOREYS	8.30PM	8.45PM	9PM
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TEAM			
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STOREYS			

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GIANT WORDFIND

SEWING

The words below all relate to sewing. All except one of them can be found in the grid. They can read backwards or forwards, vertically, horizontally or diagonally. The leftover entry is the mystery answer.

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Binding
Bobbin
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Chiffon
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Satin
Scissors
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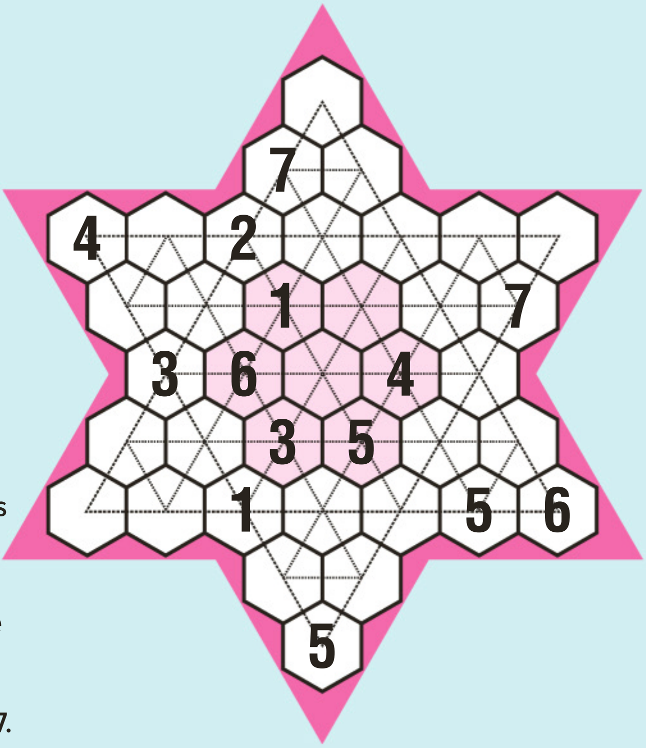
STAR PUZZLE

Fill in each of the empty hexagons with numbers between 1 and 7 following these three rules:

1. No numbers in a horizontal line can be repeated.
2. No numbers in a diagonal line can be repeated.
3. No numbers in the seven coloured hexagons can be repeated.

Note: Each of the white hexagons is part of a line of seven that must contain each of the numbers between 1 and 7.



ALL-A-GRAMS

Instead of clues, we've given you anagrams of the words that fit into the grid. Work out each letter jumble, then work out where each word fits.

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NO REALISM
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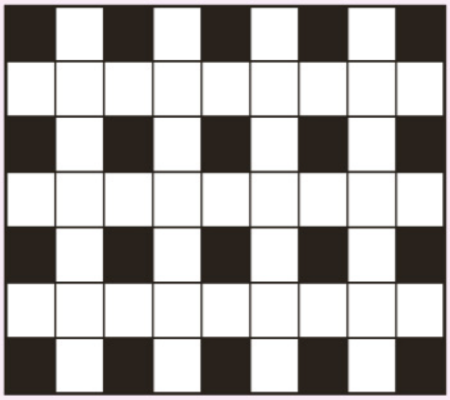

JUMBO TRIVIA

Test your wits against our quizmaster and use the ratings at the right to judge how well you've fared.

1 The show *Cobra Kai* is based on which 1980s and '90s film franchise?

2 Which team knocked Portugal out of the recent World Cup?

3 Which city hosted the 2004 Olympic Games?

4 Which Italian dish comprises fried pastry tubes stuffed with a sweet creamy filling?

5 Tenerife is the largest of which island group?

6 Beta-carotene is an inactive form of which vitamin?

7 Who played the titular character on *Ally McBeal*?

8 Ganymede is a moon of which planet?

9 Who was the first contestant eliminated from the last season of *Dancing With The Stars NZ*?

10 Which fabric is used to cover pool and snooker tables?

11 What is the Māori name for White Island?

12 Which building was the world's tallest from 1931 to 1971?

13 In which country was Che Guevara killed?

14 Which Central American country was formerly known as British Honduras?

15 Which acid is found in gastric acid in the human stomach?

16 How many children do Megan and Pita Alatini share?

17 Sharia is a body of law in which religion?

18 Danish carpenter Ole Kirk Christiansen founded which toy company?

19 The Niagara Falls are on the border of which two countries?

20 What is the name of Donald Trump's Florida resort?

21 Which North African cooking pot gives its name to dishes cooked in it?

22 Which natural property does a lodestone display?

23 Which famous battle is also known as Custer's Last Stand?

HOW DID YOU GO?

0-15 Better luck next time

16-30 Not too bad at all

31-40 Very good indeed!

41-45 Congratulations! You are a genius

24 Who are the two stars of the hit musical *La La Land*?

25 In which country are the Cantabrian Mountains?

26 Who was the famous actor/politician husband of Maria Shriver?

27 Which dish is traditionally eaten before Ash Wednesday in the Christian church?

28 What type of plant is bamboo?

29 What is the first name of the sister of Catherine, the Princess of Wales?

30 Which sport is contested in the Constellation Cup?

31 To whom is Catherine Zeta-Jones married?

32 Bryson DeChambeau is a star of which sport?

33 Which Formula 1 racer did Chris Hemsworth play in the movie *Rush*?

34 Which dish is named after the French play *Thermidor*, set during the French Revolution?

35 What is the title of Joseph Heller's 1961 bestselling satirical World War II novel?

36 Clean and jerk is a move in which sport?

37 *Come On Eileen* was a hit for which 1980s band?

38 Our solar system is part of which galaxy?

39 Which English monarch's coronation took place on 28 June 1838?

40 Who wrote the children's book series *The Faraway Tree*?

41 The flag of which African country features an AK-47 assault rifle?

42 The Steve McQueen movie *Bullitt* is set in which US city?

43 In which Northland forest is famed kauri Tāne Mahuta?

44 The price of oil is recorded in which currency?

45 Robert Plant and Jimmy Page were members of which rock band?

$500 PRIZE
See 'How To Enter' (next page)

HOLLYWORD

Write your answers in the direction of the arrows. The coloured squares, read in order, will reveal a title of a film featuring our pictured stars. This is the mystery answer.

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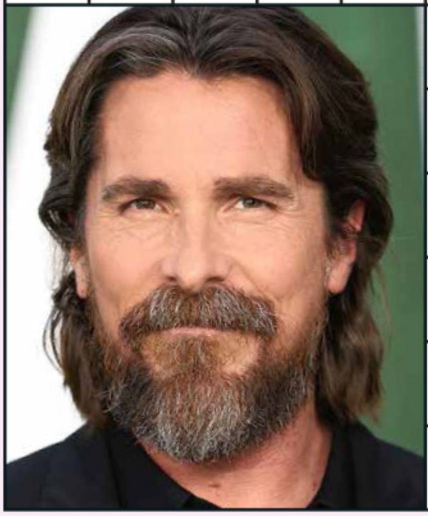					Infrequently	▶						African country, Sierra –	London Symphony Orchestra (1.1.1.)	▶	▼	
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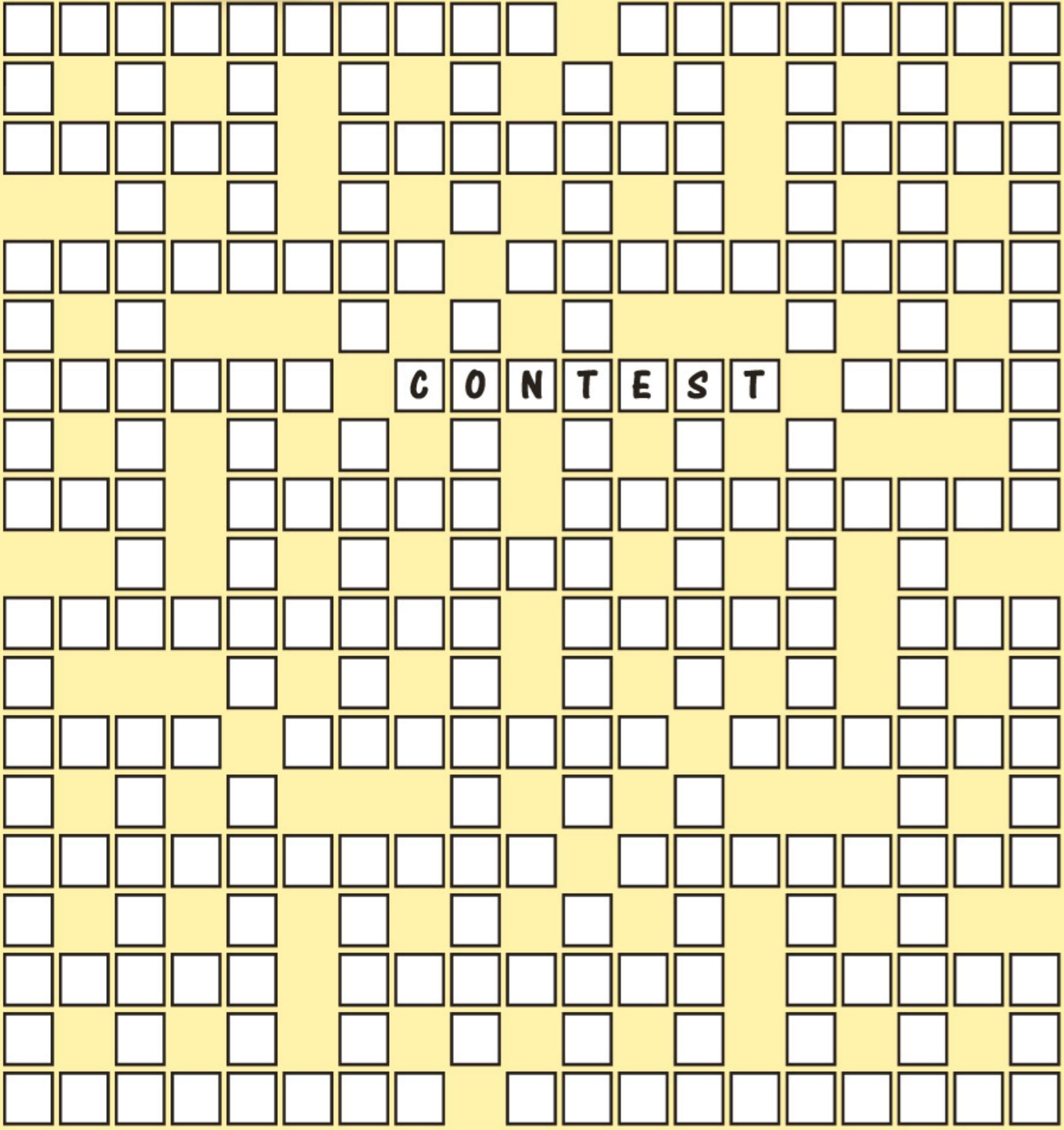
$100 PRIZE

See 'How To Enter' (next page)

FILL-IN

Fit the words in the lists on the right into their correct places in the grid. We've placed one word to start you off. When you have finished, you will find there is one word left over. This is the mystery word.



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Trouble

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9 LETTERS
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Refreshed
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Satellite

10 LETTERS
Astronauts
Engagement
Interested
Reasonable

11 LETTERS
Incriminate
Transparent

13 LETTERS
Constellation
Investigation

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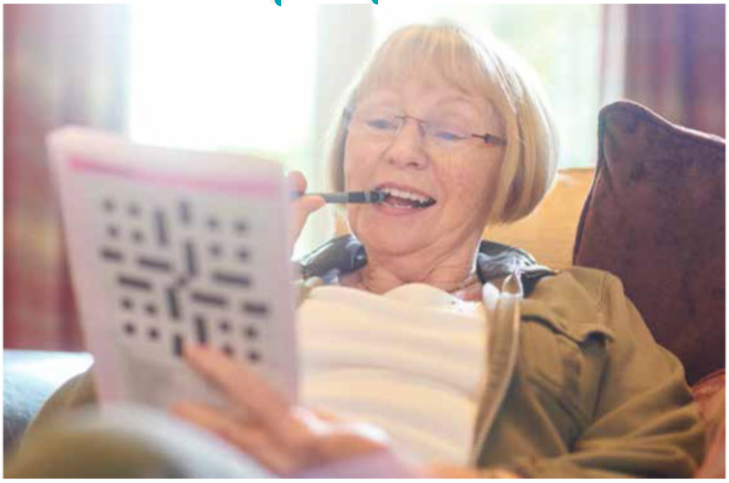

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BIG CROSSWORD Immortal

WORDFIND *Tale Of Tales*

STARWORD Cyndi Lauper, Paula Abdul

HOLLYWORD Dame

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FILL-IN Synergy

5 JANUARY SOLUTIONS

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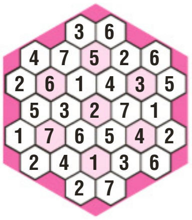

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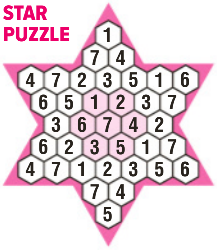

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JUMBO TRIVIA

1 *The Karate Kid* **2** Morocco **3** Athens **4** Cannoli **5** Canary Islands **6** Vitamin A **7** Calista Flockhart **8** Jupiter **9** Sonia Gray **10** Baize **11** Whakaari **12** Empire State Building **13** Bolivia **14** Belize **15** Hydrochloric acid **16** Three **17** Islam **18** Lego **19** USA and Canada **20** Mar-a-Lago **21** Tagine **22** Magnetism **23** Battle of the Little Bighorn **24** Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone **25** Spain **26** Arnold Schwarzenegger **27** Pancakes **28** Grass **29** Pippa (Philippa) **30** Netball **31** Michael Douglas **32** Golf **33** James Hunt **34** Lobster Thermidor **35** *Catch-22* **36** Weightlifting **37** Dexys Midnight Runners **38** Milky Way **39** Queen Victoria **40** Enid Blyton **41** Mozambique **42** San Francisco **43** Waipoua Forest **44** US dollars **45** Led Zeppelin

WORD MAKER

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LOGIC BRAINTRAINER

Fran/Team 3/8.30pm/10 storeys
Jan/Team 1/9pm/9 storeys
Mai/Team 2/8.45pm/11 storeys
Mystery answer: 8:45pm

BRAINBUSTERS

1 *Happy Days* **2** European bison **3** Bifrost **4** Shoes **5** Athlete's foot **6** *Heart Of Darkness* **7** Quechua **8** Wyoming **9** Poplar wood **10** Glasnost **11** Pines **12** *The Light We Carry*

CODE CRACKER

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Mystery word: Lizard

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JUDGE JAY-JAY

More FM radio diva Jay-Jay Feeney delivers her verdict on your biggest dilemmas

MY SISTER'S A MONEY LEECH!

Hi Jay-Jay,

I have a money dilemma and I can't get any unbiased advice from my family or friends – please help me! I have a full-time job and earn $90,000 a year. My sister has never worked and is on the benefit. She has three kids to two different men who are both in jail, so she struggles to pay her bills and get the things her kids need.

She doesn't know how much I earn, but she assumes it's a lot. She is always asking me for money. She sounds so desperate every time and she uses her kids as an excuse, like, "X needs new shoes for school, Y has school camp and I can't afford it, and Z's birthday is coming up and I want to throw her a party." She also asks for money for food, petrol, power etc.

I often give it to her because she is always crying on the phone to me and I feel so bad. I know she is probably lying sometimes and just wants the money to buy smokes, but I don't know how to say no to her. I have given her thousands of dollars over the past couple of years in little increments. I've had enough, but when I tell her there is "no more", she backs off for a couple of weeks and then brings on the tears again. Have you got any advice?

Big Sis, Hawke's Bay

Hey Sis,

I can totally relate to this! It's so hard to say no, especially when the waterworks come on. I do cave in and give money sometimes, but I have hardened up over the years and I will say things like, "It's not a good time right now," or, "I can't help you this time. Can you ask someone else?" Even if they don't, at least they leave me alone for a bit.

If you absolutely can't say no, try giving your sister a stand-down period. Say, "I'll give you some money now, but don't ask me again for three months." Or tell her you can help with some money, but you can only give part of what she is asking. You can also say, "Send me the bill and I will pay it," or, "What's her shoe size? I'll whip out and buy the shoes for her." That way, you're in control of how much you are spending on her and you can make sure the money is going where she claims it will.

I'm really sorry you're in this situation. It sucks. Money has caused many rifts in my family. When I said no recently, one of my siblings packed a sad and blocked me on all social media. But guess what? I don't care! I can finally get some peace and keep my money for myself! I hope this helps. Best of luck.

A problem shared is a problem halved! Share your sticky situations with Jay-Jay – email wdaynz@aremedia.co.nz.

MAKING PEACE WITH PARENTING MISTAKES

How to forgive yourself for the past and build a better relationship with your adult children going forward

Mending old child-parent problems can take time and understanding.

Letting go of the "perfect parent" ideal can help you accept your mistakes.

From the moment they sniff their tiny, milky heads, many mothers will swear to do everything in their power to protect their precious babies and not repeat the mistakes they believe their own parents made. But as life continues and you spend the next 20+ years trying to steer them in the right direction, challenges inevitably arise that can pull the rug out from under even the most confident of parents.

Whether we were too strict, too open, too distracted, too emotional or too dysfunctional, few parents emerge from parenthood without enduring some level of wrath from their adult children.

"Most parents start their parenting adventure with the goals to love and protect their children, and to parent better or more effectively than their own parents did," says psychologist Donna Cameron.

"If you were to live in a bubble with everything in your control, your parenting journey may go perfectly, but in the real world, with so many unknowns and stressors in life, there is a very high possibility that you are going to go off script or even get it wrong sometimes."

So how can we make these conversations more helpful than hurtful, so you can both move on to a positive next chapter?

THE POWER OF ACCEPTANCE

Caroline Bellenger, 53, learned long ago that it was better to acknowledge her mistakes than try to pretend life was perfect with her son Amadeus, 21.

"I was an addict, and I had a lot of self-hatred and a dysfunctional lifestyle," she recalls. "I got sober when he was eight. My mistakes have been plenty."

The occasional dig from Amadeus is now par for the course, but Caroline has found that rather than beating herself up for not being a perfect mother, it's better to be frank.

> **'If you validate their feelings, your adult child will feel heard'**

"When he talks about his challenges growing up, I've tried to be honest and open about my own challenges and mistakes," she says. "That's helped him understand it's OK to not be perfect and to be open with his feelings."

Donna agrees that listening to our adult children's grievances and not trying to argue our cases can help smooth things over.

"If you validate their feelings, your adult child will feel heard and will hopefully move forward in their relationship with you," she tells. "If you justify or make excuses for the parenting decisions that your adult child is upset about, you may miss an opportunity for a positive relationship in the future."

TAKE THE HIGHER GROUND

Don't be surprised if your normally mature adult child takes a surprisingly immature approach to their accusations.

"When conversations about the past occur, your adult child will revert to how they felt during that moment, and they might also start using language and tones that they used at that age," Donna explains. "This is normal and by understanding this regression, the parent can adapt the way they respond to the now-adult child. Use kind words, just as you would have when they were younger."

As tempting as it might be to roll your eyes or list all of the sacrifices we made on their behalf, Donna says it's wiser to try to play the "long game".

"Making comments such as 'get over it' or 'move on' may lead to them feeling like they're being dismissed, which could affect your future relationship.

"Sometimes children fail to identify their parents as normal people and not superheroes who do not make any errors in life. It's OK to point out that as a parent, you are not perfect and mistakes will occur, even with the best intentions."

Above all, go easy on yourself. "Perfectionism as a parent is impossible," warns Donna. "Do your best, learn from your mistakes and be kind to yourself. Take a moment to remember the happy times and positive parenting you did to help reduce self-doubt that may creep in."

That's something Caroline has practised and in her and Amadeus' case, they're both now thriving.

"Amadeus has a degree in architecture, and I've become a successful entrepreneur, author and speaker," she says. "Loving him and believing in him was always the most important aspect of my parenting style, rather than the societal expectation of being a good parent. I'm incredibly proud of the human I have raised and proud of my somewhat-unique parenting style."

Words: Kimberly Gillan.

HAIR REPAI

Protect your locks from damage while you

Sun, surf and chlorine are part and parcel of a long, hot Kiwi summer, but all three can wreak havoc on your hair. Thankfully, most damage can be rectified using quality haircare products that nourish, repair and smooth exactly when it's needed.

Color Wow ambassador Jaye Edwards, the founder of EdwardsAndCo salon, is a man who knows what he's talking about when it comes to looking after your mane. The industry expert says, "When your hair is exposed to too much sun, sea and salt, the outside layer, called the cuticle, becomes compromised, causing discolouration, dry and brittle strands, broken or split ends and frizziness. It also means your hair is more likely to absorb chemicals and minerals."

Before you swim

For swimmers and beachgoers, the super-stylist says to look for products that seal your cuticle to apply before you hit the water, as they can act as a physical barrier. He also recommends using something like **Color Wow Dream Filter Pre-Shampoo Mineral Remover, $56**, "which is amazing for removing mineral deposits, such as chlorine, and thus keeping your hair colour vibrant".

COLOR WOW
DREAM FILTER

Hydration & rejuvenation

To keep your hair looking lush, Jaye recommends swapping out your conditioner once a week for a leave-in treatment to give sun-damaged locks a potent dose of hydration. "The **Kale-Infused Dream Cocktail** [$56] from Color Wow is perfect for strengthening the hair," he says, "and if your hair is coloured, I suggest booking in for regular glosses or toners. These are quick 15-minute in-salon treatments that help make your colour pop again without booking a full colour service.

"Some hair products also contain SPF to protect your hair in the same way it does your skin, so look out for these for applications ahead of days out at the beach."

COLOR WOW
DREAM COCKTAIL
KALE-INFUSED
BREAKAGE
200ml 6.7 FL.OZ

JESSICA BIEL

The actress has regular salon treatments to keep her ombre ends and loose waves looking their best.

SARAH JESSICA PARKER

The 57-year-old fashionista proves you can rock lush locks at any age – as long as you look after them.

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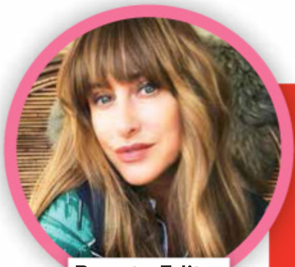
soak up the summer rays



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The Fenty mogul takes care of her hair by using deeply moisturising and conditioning products such as oil treatments.

WONDERS WE LOVE

Because hair health starts at the scalp, **Mecca Athletica Enzymatic Body & Scalp Scrub, $57,** is rich in naturally derived AHAs to target dry skin on the body, fighting product build-up and dandruff on the scalp.

Garnier Fructis Repairing Papaya Hair Food Mask, $14, brings damaged hair back to life, reducing breakage by an amazing 99% – and it smells almost good enough to eat!

Using a heat protectant makes a huge difference in gleam, bounce and overall texture for the healthiest-looking hair. **GHD Bodyguard Heat Protectant Spray, $28,** creates a lightweight layer between your hair and your heat tool, plus it conditions too.

3MoreInches LifeSaver UV Leave-in Treatment, $55, promotes stronger, longer and healthier locks by deeply conditioning, repairing broken bonds and offering protection from the damaging rays of the sun.

Gisou Honey Infused Hair Oil, from $43, can be used when pre-styling and finishing hair, to tame frizz and flyaways, polish split ends and nourish parched locks.

Living Proof Restore Repair Leave-In, $51, rehabs hair by restoring damaged cuticles, smoothing strands and protecting against future damage.

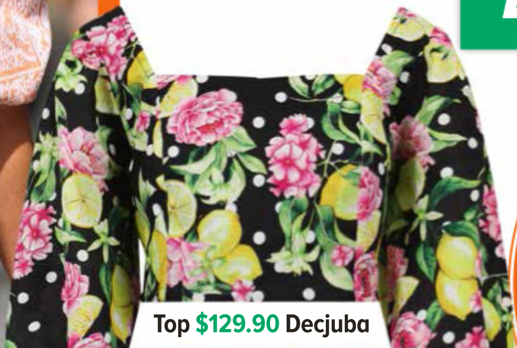
AMANDA HOLDEN

Chic for SUMMER

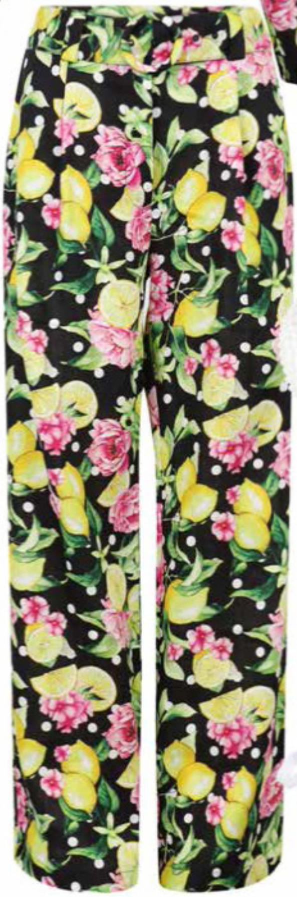
Elevate your look with the season's hottest new trends

Double delight

Matchy-matchy dressing is so hot right now and these pieces hit the right notes. Don't be afraid of the crop top as high-waisted trousers mean you'll only reveal a sliver of skin above the belly button – pop a bodysuit underneath if you need. Add bright white accessories and you're good!



Top $129.90 Decjuba



Trousers $169.90 Decjuba

Sunglasses $105 Quay

Earrings $34.90 Seed Heritage

Bag $59.99 Colette by Colette Hayman

Sandal $74.90 Novo

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Go for bold!

A big trend currently is bold colour clashing. Start with a standout dress in a tangerine hue, then pair with hot-pink pieces for a look that will take you to lunch with the girls, a trip to the races or on a hot date. To rewear the dress, switch it up with neutral or white accessories.

Dress $179.99
Forever New

Earrings
$28
Lovisa

Headband
$49 Gorman

Bag $59.99
Strand

Bangle $34
Grandado

Mule
$49.99 Rubi

EVA LONGORIA

Lovin' the linen

If in doubt, there's always classic black – and for summer, it's about linen. Pair a structured blazer with tailored shorts for a dressy twist. A white shirt with pearl trim adds style and elegant accessories keep it timeless. In cooler weather, swap the shorts for trousers.

Blazer
$79.99
H&M

Shirt $109
Zara

Handbag $115 Pazzion

Earrings
$50 Vania

Heel
$69.99
Novo

Shorts $159.90
Witchery

PLACES TO BE in 2

New resorts and adventures to tempt you for your next holiday

Switch to island time in sunny Samoa.

A TROPICAL PARADISE IN SAMOA

New Zealanders make up almost half of all visitors to Samoa – and it's no wonder why. Hire a car and explore some of the world's most spectacular water holes, including the To Sua Ocean Trench, an ancient lava tube with two turquoise swimming holes forming spectacular skylights from continual tidal erosion. Be sure to check out the uncrowded, palm tree-lined, white-sand beaches of Lalomanu and Vavau. And spend a few indulgent days at the Taumeasina Island Resort – close to the capital of Apia, it offers an exceptional spa, nightly entertainment, kayaking and an abundance of sunloungers. For more information, visit taumeasinaislandresortsamoa.com.

ISLES OF JAPAN

It's no surprise that Japan tops the list of places that Kiwis are keen to visit now travel restrictions there have been lifted. Consider combining a beach trip with Japanese culture and cuisine by visiting the islands of Goto. A recently opened 26-room boutique island hotel, Okcs Retreat Goto Ray offers panoramic views of the East China Sea from each room. Guests can expect to dine on fresh seafood from the west coast of Kyushu. Goto means "five islands", but there are more than 60 isles in this archipelago, which is home to historic churches dating back to the arrival of the Portuguese missionaries in the 16th century. At the retreat, unique experiences include stained-glass making, guided stargazing and learning Goto folk songs. Visit goto-ray.com/en for more.

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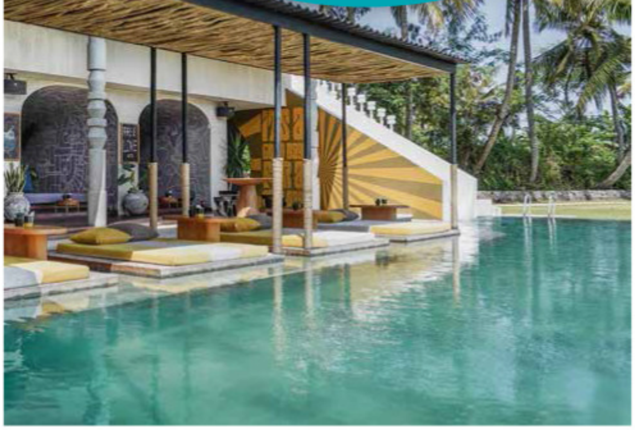
Musician Michael's retreat is a unique stay!



A MUSICAL RETREAT IN BALI

Step into a world of barefoot luxe at Soulshine in Bali. This is no ordinary retreat – it's run by world-renowned musician Michael Franti and his wife Sara, who have brought their unique wisdom to the design and experiences available. Spend the day on a yoga mat, cycling, surfing or indulging in a treatment, then spend the night dancing. Expect live music from Michael, marshmallow roasts and Balinese fire dancers. At this incredible-looking resort, you'll find hand-crafted furniture, art works that celebrate icons such as John Lennon and Jimi Hendrix, in-room turntables and records, a beautiful infinity pool and an overall calming vibe. Visit **soulshinebali.com.**

HOLLYWOOD SET IN QUEENSLAND

We've all heard of Hamilton and Hayman Islands, but one hidden gem in the Whitsundays is gaining popularity thanks to Julia Roberts and George Clooney. The recent movie *Ticket To Paradise* may have been set up to look like Bali, but it was actually filmed in Queensland, with many of the scenes on idyllic Long Island. Arrive by boat across from Shute Harbour (helicopter transfer is also available) at Palm Bay Resort, set among gardens of pretty bougainvillea. This is the sort of hotel where you can spend lazy days by the pool, do stand-up paddleboarding in the tranquil cove or sway in a hammock under the palms with a book. There are 17km of hiking trails, so bring tramping boots. See **palmbayresort.com.au.**

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Live like Julia and George on a picture-perfect island!

FRESH START!

Lighten up dinner time for the new year with these better-for-you options

SPICY ROAST SALMON BURRITO BOWLS

SERVES **4**
PREP + COOK **40 MINS**

- **½ cup red quinoa, rinsed well (see Tip)**
- **1 cup water**
- **300g skinless boneless salmon fillets**
- **1½ tsp Mexican chilli powder**
- **3 medium roma tomatoes, chopped coarsely**
- **1 red onion, sliced thinly**
- **½ cup coriander, chopped coarsely**
- **2 tbsp lime juice**
- **3 tsp olive oil**
- **1 small garlic clove, crushed**
- **400g can no-added-salt kidney beans, drained, rinsed**
- **80g mixed salad leaves**
- **½ small avocado, sliced into thin wedges**
- **1 lime, cut into wedges**

1 Preheat oven to 220°C. Line a small oven tray with baking paper.
2 Place quinoa and water in a small saucepan. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Cook, covered, for 20 mins or until water is absorbed. Remove from heat and fluff grains with a fork.
3 Meanwhile, place salmon on oven tray. Sprinkle with chilli powder. Roast salmon for 12 mins for medium or until cooked to your liking.
4 Place tomato, onion and coriander in a medium bowl. Season with pepper. Mix well.
5 Combine lime juice, oil and garlic in a small bowl. Flake salmon into large pieces. Divide beans, quinoa mixture, tomato salad, salad leaves, avocado and salmon evenly among four bowls. Drizzle with lime dressing, season with pepper and serve with lime wedges.

TIP
If you can't find red quinoa, use white or tri-coloured quinoa instead. Wash seeds before cooking as they have a bitter coating of saponins. Rinse under running water until the water runs clear.

TIP

For an easy shortcut, buy rare roast beef at a deli or at the deli counter of most major supermarkets.

MEDITERRANEAN BEEF SALAD

SERVES **4** PREP **10 MINS**
COOK **20 MINS**

- **2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil**
- **1 garlic clove, crushed**
- **1 red onion, cut into 8 wedges**
- **1 eggplant, cut into wedges**
- **1 zucchini, halved lengthways**
- **1 red capsicum, quartered, seeds removed**
- **400g can chickpeas, drained, rinsed**
- **400g rare roast beef, sliced into strips (see Tip)**
- **100g mixed salad leaves**
- **3 medium roma tomatoes, cut into 8 wedges**

OREGANO YOGHURT DRESSING

- **½ cup natural Greek-style yoghurt**
- **¼ cup oregano leaves, chopped finely**
- **2 tbsp lemon juice**
- **1 tsp finely grated lemon rind**

1 Combine oil and garlic in a small bowl. Brush onion, eggplant, zucchini and capsicum with garlic oil. Heat a grill plate (or grill pan or barbecue) over high heat. Cook onion for 2 mins each side and eggplant for 4 mins each side or until grill marks appear. Transfer to a tray. Cook zucchini and capsicum for 2 mins each side or until grill marks appear. Transfer to tray. Cut vegetables into chunks.

2 OREGANO YOGHURT DRESSING Combine ingredients in a small bowl. Season with pepper.

3 Layer chickpeas, roast beef, salad leaves, tomato and chargrilled vegetables in a large bowl or platter. Drizzle with oregano yoghurt dressing. Season with pepper.

TANDOORI CHICKEN WITH ROASTED CHICKPEA SALAD

SERVES **4** PREP + COOK **40 MINS + REFRIGERATION**

- **¾ cup low-fat natural Greek-style yoghurt**
- **1 tbsp finely grated fresh ginger**
- **6 garlic cloves, crushed**
- **1 tbsp tandoori paste**
- **1 tsp garam masala**
- **2 tsp ground cumin**
- **1 tsp ground coriander**
- **1 fresh long red chilli, chopped coarsely**
- **2 tsp grated fresh turmeric**
- **600g chicken thigh fillets**
- **1 lemon, cut into wedges**

ROAST CHICKPEA SALAD

- **400g can salt-reduced chickpeas, drained, rinsed**
- **1 red onion, cut into wedges**
- **1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil**
- **2 tsp garam masala**
- **160g baby spinach leaves**
- **½ cup coriander leaves**
- **2 tbsp lemon juice**

1 Blend or process yoghurt, ginger, garlic, tandoori paste, spices, chilli and turmeric until smooth.

2 Place chicken in a large zip-lock bag. Pour over yoghurt marinade, massaging into chicken to cover all over. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

3 **ROAST CHICKPEA SALAD** Preheat oven to 200°C. Grease and line a large oven tray. Combine chickpeas, onion, oil and garam masala in a medium bowl. Spread on lined tray. Roast for 20 mins or until chickpeas are golden and onion is tender. Leave to cool. Transfer chickpeas and onion to a large bowl. Add spinach, coriander and lemon juice. Season to taste with pepper.

4 Heat a grill plate (or grill pan) on high heat. Line with baking paper. Cook chicken on grill plate, covered with a roasting pan, for 5 mins each side or until grill marks appear and chicken is cooked through. Cover loosely with foil. Rest for 5 mins.

5 Slice chicken, add to chickpea salad and season to taste. Serve with lemon wedges.

TIP

Use 1 tsp ground turmeric if you can't get the fresh stuff. And be careful – turmeric can stain skin, clothes, bench tops, and plastic cooking equipment.

TUNA PASTA WITH PESTO & TOMATOES

SERVES **4**
PREP + COOK **25 MINS**

- **300g wholemeal spaghetti**
- **2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil**
- **2 garlic cloves, sliced thinly**
- **2 long red chillies, chopped finely**
- **400g cherry truss tomatoes**
- **185g can tuna in spring water, drained, flaked**
- **⅓ cup fresh basil leaves**
- **1 lemon, cut into wedges**

PESTO

- **⅔ cup basil leaves**
- **⅓ cup finely grated parmesan**
- **1½ tbsp pine nuts**
- **1 garlic clove, crushed**
- **⅓ cup water**

1 Cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling water, following packet directions, until tender.

2 PESTO Blend or process ingredients until smooth.

3 Reserve ¼ cup of cooking water, then drain pasta.

4 Heat a large nonstick frying pan over medium heat. Add oil, garlic and chilli. Cook, stirring, for 30 secs or until fragrant. Add tomatoes and cook, stirring, for 2 mins or until blistered.

5 Add pasta to pan with pesto and reserved cooking water. Increase heat to high. Cook, stirring, for 2 mins or until sauce is thickened. Stir through tuna. Season with pepper.

6 Sprinkle pasta with basil leaves. Serve with lemon wedges.

TIP
You can make the pesto a day ahead and store, covered, in the fridge.

CHICKEN TACOS WITH AVOCADO SALSA

SERVES **4** PREP **10 MINS**
COOK **25 MINS**

- **2 trimmed corn cobs**
- **olive oil spray**
- **4 wholegrain tortillas**
- **500g chicken tenderloins**
- **3 tsp Mexican chilli powder**
- **1 medium red capsicum, chopped finely**
- **½ medium avocado, diced**
- **4 green onions, chopped finely**
- **2 tbsp lime juice, plus wedges to serve**
- **⅓ cup light sour cream**
- **1 tbsp sweet chilli sauce**
- **¼ cup coarsely chopped coriander leaves**

1 Spray corn with oil. Cook on a heated grill plate (or barbecue) over high heat, turning occasionally, for 10 mins or until charred and tender. Allow to cool.

2 Place tortillas on heated oiled grill plate (or barbecue) for 30 secs each side or until golden and grill marks appear. Transfer to a plate and cover with a clean tea towel to prevent drying out.

3 Coat chicken evenly with chilli powder. Grill for 4 mins each side or until cooked through. Cover loosely with foil. Rest for 10 mins. Slice diagonally in half.

4 When corn is cool enough to handle, cut kernels from cobs, in sections if possible.

5 To make salsa, place corn, capsicum, avocado, onion and lime juice in a bowl. Stir gently to combine.

6 Spread a little sour cream on each taco, then fill with salsa and chicken. Drizzle with sweet chilli sauce and top with coriander.

TIP
Reduce chilli to 1 tsp if you aren't a fan of too much spice.

TIP
Use red or tri-colour quinoa instead of white quinoa if you prefer.

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LAMB LEG STEAKS WITH QUINOA TABOULI

SERVES **4** PREP + COOK
25 MINS + COOLING

- **600g lamb leg steaks, fat trimmed**
- **1½ tbsp cumin seeds**
- **olive oil spray**
- **1 lemon, cut into wedges**

QUINOA TABOULI

- **¾ cup white quinoa, rinsed well**
- **1½ cups water**
- **1½ cups flat-leaf parsley, chopped finely**
- **200g cherry tomatoes, quartered**
- **4 green onions, white part chopped finely, green tops shredded**
- **2½ tbsp extra virgin olive oil**
- **¼ cup lemon juice**
- **1 garlic clove, crushed**

1 QUINOA TABOULI Place quinoa and water in a medium saucepan. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Cook for 10 mins. Stand, covered, for 5 mins. Fluff with a fork. Transfer to a bowl to cool. Add parsley, tomato, white part of onion, and combined oil, lemon juice and garlic to cooled quinoa. Toss.

2 Heat a large nonstick frying pan over high heat. Coat lamb with cumin seeds. Spray lightly with oil. Cook lamb for 2 mins each side for medium or until cooked to your liking. Cover loosely with foil. Rest 5 mins.

3 Thickly slice lamb on the diagonal. Serve lamb with tabouli and lemon wedges. Sprinkle with shredded green onion tops.

Easy freezy!

Chill out with these tasty icy treats

TROPICAL VACHERIN

SERVES **8-10**
PREP **25 MINS + COOLING**
COOK **2 HOURS**

- **4 egg whites**
- **1 cup caster sugar**
- **½ tsp vanilla extract**
- **⅓ cup desiccated coconut**
- **1 litre mango sorbet**
- **500ml raspberry sorbet**
- **125g punnet raspberries**
- **1 mango, peeled, thinly sliced**
- **2 passionfruit, pulp**

1 Preheat oven to 120°C. Lightly grease and line 3 oven trays with baking paper. Draw a 22cm circle on each sheet.

2 In a bowl, using an electric mixer, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Add sugar, one tbsp at a time, beating on high until sugar dissolves (8-10 mins). Beat in vanilla. Using a large metal spoon, gently fold coconut through.

3 Divide meringue evenly between trays. Spread to fill outlined circles. Bake 1½-2 hours until firm and dry. Allow to cool completely in a turned-off oven with door slightly ajar.

4 Place 1 meringue disc on serving platter. Top with scoops of half the mango sorbet. Top with a second disc and scoops of raspberry sorbet. Top with remaining meringue disc and scoops of remaining mango sorbet. Top with raspberries, mango slices and passionfruit pulp (or whatever tropical you have). Serve straight away.

PRALINE BISCOTTEN TORTE

SERVES **8-10** PREP **30 MINS + FREEZING**
COOK **10 MINS**

- **900ml thickened cream**
- **395g can sweetened condensed milk**
- **250g milk coffee biscuits**
- **½ cup milk**
- **2 tbsp brandy**
- **2 tbsp icing sugar**
- **½ tsp vanilla extract**

PRALINE

- **125g blanched almonds, toasted**
- **1½ cups caster sugar**
- **½ cup water**

1 Line an 8x24cm straight-sided loaf pan with foil.

2 PRALINE Spread almonds over baking paper-lined oven tray. In a saucepan, combine sugar and water. Stir over low heat until sugar dissolves. Increase heat to high. Boil for 8-10 mins, without stirring, or until toffee is golden. Allow bubbles to subside. Pour over nuts. Allow to cool completely. Place broken pieces in food processor. Pulse to form rough crumbs. Reserve ¼ cup.

3 In a bowl, beat 600ml cream and condensed milk together until thick and doubled in size.

4 Dip quarter of biscuits into combined milk and brandy. Line pan base, trimming to fit. Spoon one-third of cream mixture over. Sprinkle with heaped tablespoon praline. Repeat layers twice. Top with biscuits. Cover and freeze overnight.

5 Whip remaining cream with icing sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Remove ice-cream loaf from pan. Spread cream over and sprinkle with reserved praline.

CHARLOTTE RUSSE

SERVES **8-10** PREP **30 MINS + CHILLING & FREEZING**
COOK **5 MINS**

- **½ cup caster sugar**
- **½ cup Cointreau liqueur**
- **2 x 250g packets sponge finger biscuits (about 25)**
- **250g strawberries, hulled, plus extra, sliced to serve**
- **1 litre vanilla ice cream, softened**
- **300ml thickened cream, whipped**

1 Line base of a 22cm springform pan with baking paper.

2 In a small saucepan, combine sugar and Cointreau. Stir over low heat until sugar dissolves. Simmer for 2-3 mins or until slightly syrupy.

3 Cut 2cm from one end of each biscuit to make a flat base. Dip biscuits in half the syrup mixture and arrange around side of pan to line. Use extra biscuits and off-cuts to cover base. Chill.

4 In a food processor or blender, combine strawberries with remaining syrup. Process until smooth. Add ice cream, blending well. Spoon into biscuit-lined pan. Smooth surface and cover with plastic wrap. Freeze for at least 2 hours.

5 When ready to serve, top with cream and sliced strawberries. Cut into wedges.

TIP
For a smoother ice cream, strain the seeds from strawberry and syrup mixture in step 4 before adding ice cream.

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NO-COOK CHICKEN & BEAN SALAD

SERVES **4** PREP **15 MINS**

- **400g red papaya, peeled, julienned**
- **300g green beans, thinly sliced lengthwise**
- **2 cups shredded cooked chicken**
- **200g punnet baby roma tomatoes, halved**
- **60g mixed salad leaves**
- **1 carrot, peeled, julienned**
- **1 bunch coriander, leaves picked**
- **½ small red onion, thinly sliced**
- **1 long red chilli, thinly sliced**

DRESSING

- **¼ cup lime juice**
- **1½ tbsp brown sugar**
- **1 tbsp fish sauce**
- **2 tsp tamarind puree**

1 In a large bowl, combine papaya, beans, chicken, tomato, salad leaves, carrot, coriander, red onion and chilli.

2 DRESSING In a small jug, whisk all ingredients. Set aside until required.

3 When ready to serve, toss half the dressing through salad. Season. Accompany with remaining dressing.

BOLOGNESE-STUFFED KŪMARA

SERVES **4** PREP **10 MINS**
COOK **25 MINS**

- **2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil**
- **1 brown onion, finely chopped**
- **2 garlic cloves, crushed**
- **300g minced beef**
- **1 medium carrot, finely chopped**
- **2 celery stalks, finely chopped**
- **2 tbsp tomato paste**
- **400g cans diced tomatoes**
- **½ cup red wine**
- **4 medium orange kūmara**
- **finely grated parmesan, parsley sprigs, mixed salad leaves, to serve**

1 In a large saucepan, heat oil on high. Sauté onion and garlic for 2-3 mins or until tender.

2 Add mince for 3-4 mins, breaking up lumps as it cooks. Stir in carrot, celery and paste, cooking for 2 mins.

3 Mix in tomatoes and wine. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer for 15-20 mins, stirring occasionally until sauce thickens. Season to taste.

4 Meanwhile, prick kūmara all over with a fork. In two batches, microwave on high for 8 mins or until tender. Cool slightly, then using a small, sharp knife, cut a slit halfway through centre of each kūmara and remove a little of the soft potato.

5 Pile bolognese into kūmara. Serve with parmesan, parsley sprigs and mixed salad leaves.

SPAGHETTINI, SPINACH & EGG

SERVES **4** PREP **10 MINS**
COOK **15 MINS**

- **500g spaghettini**
- **2 tsp white vinegar**
- **4 eggs**
- **250g marinated antipasti vegetables**
- **120g packet baby spinach leaves**
- **finely grated zest, juice 2 lemons**
- **¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil**
- **2 garlic cloves, crushed**
- **½ tsp chilli flakes**
- **shaved parmesan, to serve**

1 In a large saucepan of boiling salted water, cook pasta following packet directions. Drain, return to pan and keep warm.

2 Meanwhile, heat a large frying pan, half filled with water, on high until boiling. Reduce heat to low. Stir in vinegar.

3 Crack eggs, one at a time, into gently simmering water. Simmer, splashing with a little water, for 1-2 mins or until cooked to taste.

4 Toss vegetables, spinach, lemon zest, juice, oil, garlic and chilli flakes through pasta on low heat for 1-2 mins.

5 Divide between serving bowls. Top each with a poached egg and sprinkle with parmesan to serve.

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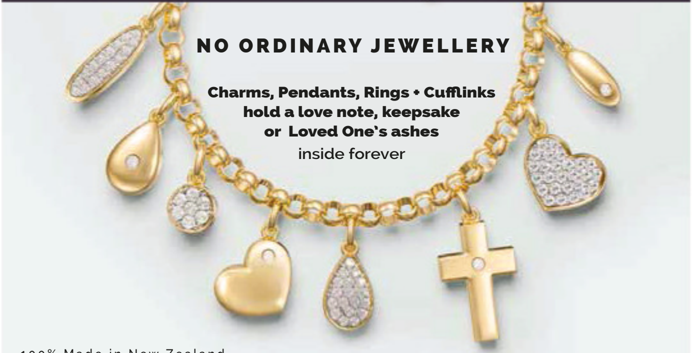

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Kitchen HQ

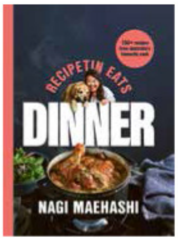
All the latest tips, tricks and trends for foodies

Garlic butter prawns

Fresh, flavoursome and easy to make!

SERVES 3-4 Toss 500g peeled and deveined large raw prawns (with tails on) with 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, ½ tsp cooking salt and ½ tsp black pepper, then set aside for 20 mins. Heat 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil in a large nonstick frying pan over high heat. Using tongs, place half the prawns in the pan and sear each side for 45 secs, then transfer to a plate. Add 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, then sear the remaining prawns for 45 secs on each side. Return first batch of prawns to pan, then add 3 tsp finely minced garlic. Toss gently for 30 secs or until the garlic turns golden. Add ¼ cup chardonnay or other dry white wine – it will steam dramatically! – and let it simmer, scraping the base of the pan with a wooden spoon until wine has mostly evaporated. To make garlic butter sauce, add 40g unsalted butter (cut into 1cm cubes) and 1 tbsp lemon juice, then swirl in the pan. As soon as the butter has melted, add 1 tbsp chopped parsley, then toss quickly to coat prawns. Tip prawns and sauce onto a serving plate. Add lemon wedges on the side and serve immediately with crusty artisan bread for mopping up that garlic prawn butter – seriously, it's the highlight! For a refreshing side salad, serve with leafy greens drizzled with lemon dressing.

Edited extract from *Dinner* by Nagi Maehashi (Macmillan Australia, $44.99).



3 WAYS WITH STRAWBERRIES

Fresh ways to enjoy the beloved berry

Use in your favourite salad for a refreshing addition. Finish with lemon dressing for a balanced sweet-and-sour flavour combo.

If you're a fan of ricotta on toast, add some sliced strawberries on top, plus a drizzle of honey, for a satisfying breakfast.

For a fruity twist on a classic pico de gallo, add in some fresh ripe strawberries and pair with corn chips for a yummy summer snack.

SATAY CHICKPEA CURRY

Feilding foodie Huma Tysoe shares a favourite vege recipe

SERVES 4 Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a large skillet. Add 1 onion (diced), 2.5cm ginger (grated) and 5 cloves garlic (crushed), then cook until the onion is translucent. Add 3 tbsp curry powder, 1 tsp chilli powder and ½ tsp turmeric. Stir, then add 1 cup vegetable stock, 4 tbsp peanut butter, 2 tbsp soy sauce, 1 tbsp maple syrup, 1 can coconut milk and 2 cans chickpeas (rinsed, drained). Bring to the boil and simmer for 20 mins or until thickened. Add salt to taste, stir in a handful of coriander and serve with rice.

For more vegan recipes, follow @peacefulplanteater on Instagram.

FOOD TRUCK ALLEY

A taste of Marlborough

After a two-year hiatus, the Marlborough Wine & Food Festival is back – and it's shaping up as a feast for both seasoned foodies and those looking to learn a few new tricks in the kitchen. "While Marlborough is world-renowned for its wine, the food we produce here is our best-kept secret," says committee chair and grape grower Tracy Johnston. "The festival is a unique opportunity to discover new and delightful combinations of wine and food, and also discover new favourite brands and varietals, especially from the wineries that don't have a cellar door or restaurant open to the public all year round." Celebrity chef Peter Gordon (pictured) and O'Connell Street Bistro restaurateur Mark Southon will be among the big culinary names at the Renwick Domain on Saturday 11 February, with music from Broods and the Sweet Mix Kids. For more info and tickets, visit marlboroughwinefestival.com.

NEW BEST PAL

It's time to make friends with local RTD label Pals' thirst-quenching new flavour, Red Peach with Yuzu. Packaged in a pastel-red can, this light beverage combines the sweet notes of peach and the zesty tang of the Japanese citrus fruit, with triple-distilled vodka and soda. Like the rest of the range, it's also vegan, gluten-free, has no artificial colours, sweeteners or preservatives, and it has only 32 calories per 100ml. Pick up a box of 10 cans for rrp $29.99.

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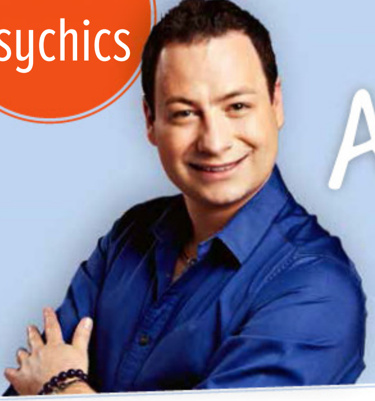
The biggest crunch in the snack aisle belongs to the new Shapes Fully Loaded range. With three epic varieties – Sizzling Meatlovers, Flame Grilled Chicken and Ultimate Cheese – these bite-sized crackers raise the bar when it comes to flavour. Check them out at the supermarket, rrp $3.50.



Ask Mitchell

Our gifted medium
MITCHELL COOMBES
is here to help!

***Q** What is wrong with me? No matter what I do, I can't seem to shift this excess weight. Is there a medical reason? I just don't feel myself and am miserable all the time. Do you see me ever being happy and healthy again?*

Miserable

MITCHELL SAYS Firstly, nothing is wrong with you. I feel you are a very kind and caring soul. Your angels are telling me that you give so much of yourself helping others that sometimes you are unknowingly carrying "the emotional weight of the world" on your shoulders. I'm picking up that protecting your aura will lift your spirits and make a tremendous difference to your weight-loss journey. You can do this by visualising yourself surrounded by a bubble of bright light and saying, "I encircle myself in the white light of love and protection. Negativity cannot influence or affect my energy." Do this protection exercise each day and whenever you feel you need an added boost. I feel you have happier days ahead.

***Q** My elderly mum lives in a rest home. A few months ago, her wedding, engagement and eternity rings went missing. I have searched through all her belongings but cannot find them. This is a mystery as I've never seen her remove them from her finger. Are they gone?*

Denell

MITCHELL SAYS I don't feel your mum's rings are gone forever, but sadly I do feel that someone at the rest home knows more about the sudden disappearance of these missing treasures than they are letting on. I believe karmic angels are always watching and whoever has taken these rings will find that their conscience will get the better of them. I envision that the rings will be mysteriously returned.

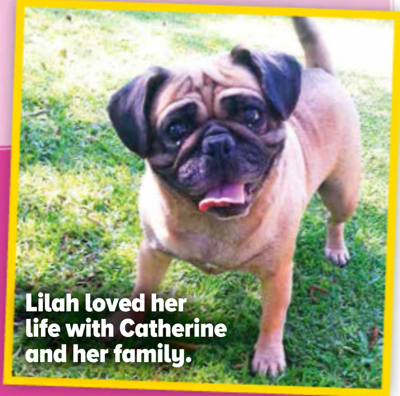
Have a question for Mitchell? Email womansday@aremedia.com.au. Not all letters can be used. Sorry, no personal replies.

The animal whisperer

Top pet psychic
AMANDA DE WARREN

I've been reunited with my furry friends

AMANDA SAYS Lilah tells me she has passed. She had been unwell for a few months, then became very sick from a tumour. Lilah knows that no one was aware of the tumour until near the end. Lilah loves the whole family and had been with them ever since she was a puppy. She shows me she is with several other animals and Catherine's lovely dad, who tells me he originally came from a farm and that's now where he is once again, with all the animals. The first to come through is Lilah's great mate Russ, then Russ' mum Chloe. Chloe tells me Lilah and Russ were little rascals together. Chloe says she was the first out of the three, then Russ, then Lilah. Lilah tells me she was about nine when she passed and that she had the most wonderful life. She's a very sweet girl with so much personality. Lilah thanks Catherine for loving her so much and that she adored the time they spent together.



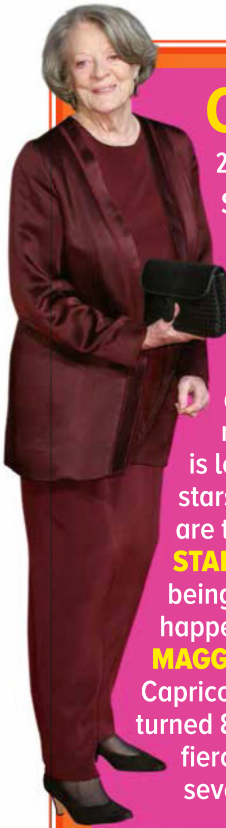
Lilah loved her life with Catherine and her family.

CATHERINE SAYS I was hoping to hear from Lilah to find out how she is and who she's with, both family and furry family. I had high expectations for my reading, but I'm sure it's difficult to interpret all that's coming through. I was very touched I was able to hear something from Lilah and the other family members. I have always believed they are still with us and we will meet again.

If you'd like a reading, email Amanda at **womansday@aremedia.com.au** with your name, pet's photo and number.

Horoscopes

JENNY BLUME predicts your destiny for **5 – 9 JANUARY**



Capricorn

23 DECEMBER – 20 JANUARY

Smile! A surge of optimism should make everything seem shinier over the holiday period – just don't let a certain someone take advantage of your good nature. If a big decision is looming, use these chatty stars to find out what people are thinking.

STAR TIP Old passions are being stirred and things could happen fast for singles.

MAGGIE SMITH Like most Capricorns, the actress, who turned 88 on 28 December, is fiercely ambitious and has several movies in the works.

Aquarius

JAN 21 – FEB 19

Lucky Jupiter is poised to turn a dream into reality, but as they say, be careful what you wish for. Do a little soul-searching while Mercury reverses (until 12 January) and surround yourself with things you love – good food, wonderful music and great friends.

STAR TIP If an unusual pastime has caught your attention, why not dip a toe in?

Pisces

FEB 20 – MAR 20

There are surprises galore! Someone's news may have you jumping for joy or an impromptu conversation could get you excited. Projects launched in the new year should power along and, even better, the high-voltage vibes might spill over into your love life.

STAR TIP Last-minute invitations are on the cards, so keep your plans flexible.

Aries

MAR 21 – APR 20

Life may feel busy, but you're in for some magical moments. Tie up loose ends early in the new year, then prepare to celebrate in style. If that sweet tooth has flared, try spoiling yourself in other ways – what about scented oils, chilled-out music or a comfy new daybed?

STAR TIP Revisiting a place you used to love should feel blissfully therapeutic.

Taurus

APR 21 – MAY 21

Ready for some new-moon magic? Someone's advice should prove amazingly insightful and, for many, an unexpected offer will lighten your load. If money matters are creating stress, take a step back and focus on unwinding – or simply slip out of town!

STAR TIP Last-minute deals may be tempting, but read the fine print carefully.

Gemini

MAY 22 – JUN 21

You social butterfly! As Jupiter shimmies into your friendship sector, you'll be spoiled for choice – singles, take note. Plans may change as Mercury reverses, but as they say, the more, the merrier. The trick is to pace yourself and count those drinks.

STAR TIP If you're feeling sentimental, why not pass on something precious?

Cancer

JUN 22 – JUL 23

Something got you steamed up? It's time to share your true feelings with your loved ones – over the coming weeks, heart-to-hearts could throw up some exciting ideas. There's movement on the social scene too and a surprise invitation might get singles rather excited.

STAR TIP Slow down as silly mistakes could prove embarrassing – or costly!

Leo

JUL 24 – AUG 23

Keep arrangements simple over the summer holidays and remember that bigger is not always better. If you want to get in shape in 2023, don't wait for February – launch on in now! And if you're playing the dating game, be bold and make a move.

STAR TIP A thoughtful gift or special piece of jewellery could touch your heart.

Virgo

AUG 24 – SEP 23

Welcome to Party Central! As your fun and games sector lights up, the whole vibe should lift. Mix-ups could test your patience in the early days of the new year, but fate can work in weird and wonderful ways – flow with it, especially if you're looking for love.

STAR TIP Treat yourself! A pampering session should leave you feeling fab.

Libra

SEP 24 – OCT 23

Hang on tight – it's all systems go! The next few weeks should be brimming over with activity, and a flurry of concerts, parties and decorating sprees might keep you extra-busy. With unexpected guests on the cards, keep that drinks fridge well stocked.

STAR TIP If party plans are brewing, keep it simple and ask guests to bring a plate.

Scorpio

OCT 24 – NOV 22

You might be busy, but conversations could lead to revelations, so make time to talk. Travel is also in the air, with big plans taking shape or an upcoming visit confirmed. As the nostalgic stars intensify, chase up some dear friends or revisit a special place.

STAR TIP For singles, the buzz around someone special might feel electric.

Sagittarius

NOV 23 – DEC 22

Your finance sector is glowing and a spending spree is on the cards. New clothes or accessories could hit your radar, along with items that encourage fun, fitness and creativity. As a bonus, the celestial cosmos is ramping up your romance quota too. Enjoy!

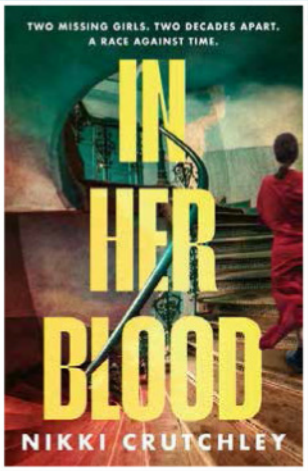
STAR TIP As Jupiter increases your luck and vision, make an extra-special wish.

SUMMER BOOKS SPECIAL

Top 10 BEST

IN HER BLOOD

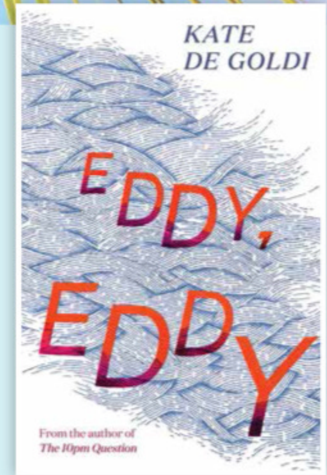
by Nikki Crutchley


TWO MISSING GIRLS. TWO DECADES APART. A RACE AGAINST TIME.
IN HER BLOOD
NIKKI CRUTCHLEY

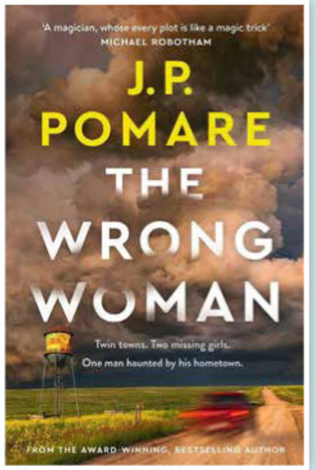
Her debut novel *To The Sea* was one of the most talked-about books of 2021, so it's no surprise the Kiwi author's latest offering is just as compelling. When her sister goes missing, Jac is forced to return to her hometown, where everyone suspects her of killing her mother in a house fire. As she searches for her sister, she finds the case strangely linked to another disappearance 20 years earlier. **Harper Collins, $35**

EDDY, EDDY

by Kate De Goldi


KATE DE GOLDI
EDDY, EDDY
From the author of The 10pm Question

Set in Christchurch a few years after the devastating quakes, this coming-of-age story follows a teenage orphan as he grapples with the realities of growing up. Often at odds with the people around him, Eddy takes comfort in animals. As his pet-minding business expands, he takes on a job as a dog walker for a local family and ends up getting much more than he bargained for. **Allen & Unwin, $29.99**


'A magician, whose every plot is like a magic trick' MICHAEL ROBOTHAM
J.P. POMARE
THE WRONG WOMAN
Twin towns. Two missing girls. One man haunted by his hometown.
FROM THE AWARD-WINNING, BESTSELLING AUTHOR

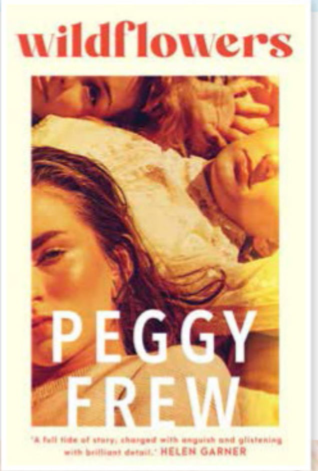
THE WRONG WOMAN

By J.P. Pomare

Ten years after fleeing his hometown, private investigator Reid can't turn down an opportunity to return to probe a suspicious car accident. As he digs into the lives of the young woman who crashed and her husband, who lost his life, he realises there may be a sinister cause behind the tragedy. **Hachette, $36.99**

WILDFLOWERS

by Peggy Frew


wildflowers
PEGGY FREW
'A full tide of story, charged with anguish and glistening with brilliant detail.' HELEN GARNER

Although Meg and Nina have felt outshone by their younger sister since childhood, they've become used to their parents' affections and interests always falling on charismatic Amber. Yet when Amber's life doesn't pan out as they all thought it would, the three siblings find themselves together for the first time in years on a road trip to Queensland's far north to help her fight her addiction. **Allen & Unwin, $36.99**

FROM THE No.1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR
STEPHEN KING
FAIRY TALE
'One of the great storytellers of our time' Guardian

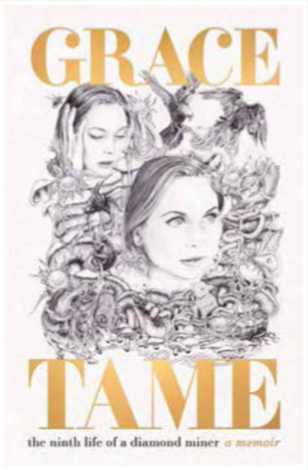
FAIRY TALE

by Stephen King

As one of the greatest storytellers of our time, the bestselling author doesn't disappoint with this enthralling novel. The literary legend's deepest, darkest imagination is fully exposed with this plot, which centres around a 17-year-old boy who inherits the keys to a parallel world. The powers of good and evil are at war, and the stakes could not be higher! **Hachette, $37.99**

BEACH YARNS!

While away the days with these page-turners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the ninth life of a diamond miner a memoir

THE NINTH LIFE OF A DIAMOND MINER: A MEMOIR

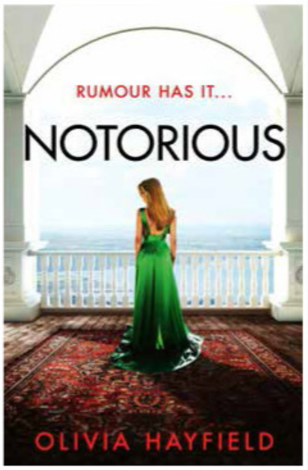
by Grace Tame

From a young age, the Aussie author's life was defined by trauma and strength. As a teenager, she found the courage to speak up after experiencing horrific sexual abuse and, in 2021, Grace was catapulted into the public eye when she was awarded Australian of the Year. Here her story, in her words, on her terms, is an intelligent, deeply felt, often witty and wildly unexpected account about the things in life that have driven and saved her. **Pan Macmillan Australia, $54.99**

NOTORIOUS

by Olivia Hayfield

History remembers King Richard III as a man so desperate in his pursuit of power that he would kill the Princes in the Tower. But what if Shakespeare got it wrong? This romance novel puts the infamous story in a modern setting, with Elizabeth of York transformed into journalist Emma Snow, who has been in love with tortured teacher Rowan Bosworth (a current-day Richard) her whole life. Can their romance withstand the mysterious disappearance of her brothers? **Hachette, $34.99**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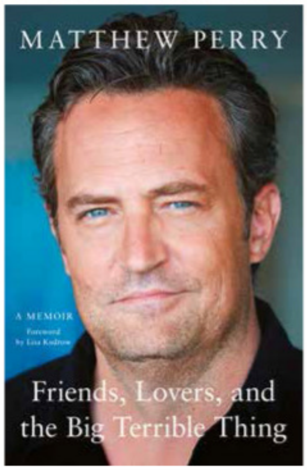
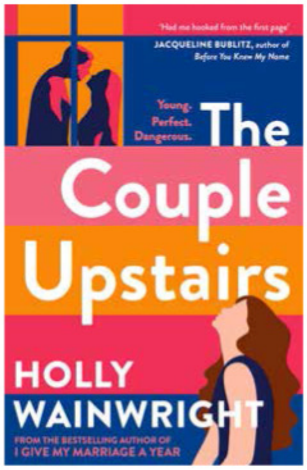
OLIVIA HAYFIELD


MATTHEW PERRY
A MEMOIR
Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing

FRIENDS, LOVERS AND THE BIG TERRIBLE THING

by Matthew Perry

With his trademark humour, the actor best known as TV's Chandler Bing opens up about his lifelong battle with addiction, fractured family and the pitfalls of fame in this moving, inspiring read that's also delightfully gossipy and hilarious. **Hachette, $36.99**


JACQUELINE BUBLITZ
Young. Perfect. Dangerous.
The Couple Upstairs
HOLLY WAINWRIGHT
FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF I GIVE MY MARRIAGE A YEAR

THE COUPLE UPSTAIRS

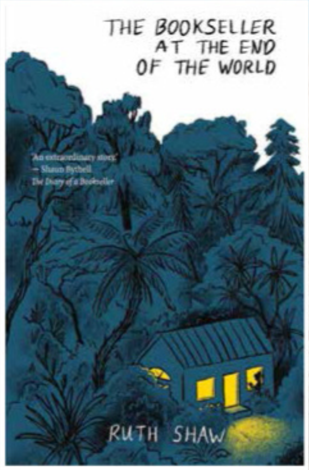
by Holly Wainwright

Set in summer, this makes for the perfect holiday escape. Expect a spooky twist, though! Five months after Mel told her husband to leave, a young man who reminds her of a past lover moves in upstairs. However, when his girlfriend later joins him, Mel's obsession with the couple spirals out of control, with devastating consequences. **Pan Macmillan, $37.99**

THE BOOKSELLER AT THE END OF THE WORLD

by Ruth Shaw

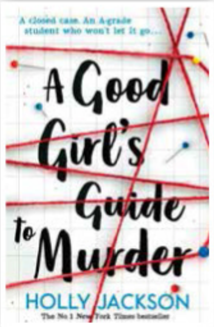
This immersive memoir weaves together the unbelievable story of the writer's remarkable life with tales of the colourful characters who visit her bookshops in the depths of the South Island. Find yourself a comfortable spot before you dive in because once you start, you will not stop reading! **Allen & Unwin, $36.99**


THE BOOKSELLER AT THE END OF THE WORLD
RUTH SHAW

SUMMER BOOKS SPECIAL

THE BOOKS TAKING TikTok BY STORM!

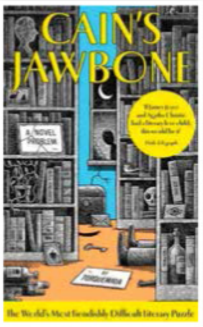
It's not just about dancing – now users are talking about their favourite novels on social media. Here are the "BookTok" titles readers can't get enough of...



A GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER

by Holly Jackson

Still haunted by a killing that rocked her hometown years ago, university student Pippa Fitz-Amobi chooses to write about the crime for her final project. However, as her research deepens, she blows the case wide open again and discovers that the city may be harbouring a dark secret. For fans of true-crime podcasts and slow-burn thrillers, this is the perfect departure from all those weeks watching saccharine-sweet holiday movies! **Harper Collins, $22.99**



CAIN'S JAWBONE

by Edward Powys Mathers

Taking the notoriously difficult *Observer* crossword puzzle to the next level, this unique mystery tells the story of six horrific murders. However, it's told in an entirely haphazard order, leaving it up to the reader to sort its 100 pages into the correct order and discover all six murderers. Only three readers have reportedly solved this mystery since it was published in 1934 – will you be next? **Hachette, $22.99**

ONE OF US IS LYING

by Karen M. McManus

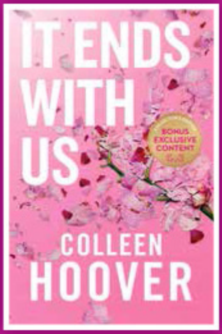
When a high-school misfit mysteriously dies in detention, the four remaining students, who were all in the classroom when it happened, are thrown into the middle of a murder case – and they're all suspects. Over the course of this bestselling book, what exactly happened inside the room slowly begins to unravel into one of the most compulsive whodunnits of the year. After you're finished with the novel, watch the TV adaptation now streaming on Netflix. **Penguin, $24**

Karen hit the jackpot with her *One Of Us Is...* series.

TikTok propelled Colleen to fame.

IT ENDS WITH US

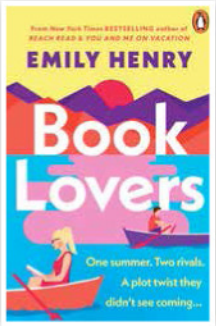
by Colleen Hoover



This is the story that practically kickstarted the BookTok movement! Colleen began writing in 2011 and self-published her first novel *Slammed*, purely so her mum could read it on her recently purchased Kindle. Fast-forward a decade and Colleen is a bestselling author. Her 2016 novel *It Ends With Us*, which is based around her mother and father's fraught relationship, was the number-one book on BookTok for most of 2021. Read into the hype – it's worth it. **Simon & Schuster Australia, $24.99**

BOOK LOVERS

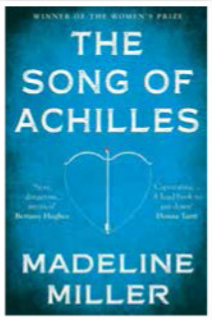
by Emily Henry



Fed up with her demanding office job and city lifestyle, cut-throat literary agent Nora travels to North Carolina in search of sun, solace and a summer fling. All she discovers, however, is her work archenemy Charlie! Full of witty dialogue and hilarious scenarios, this quintessential rom-com is perfect for devouring over the holidays. **Penguin, $26**

THE SONG OF ACHILLES

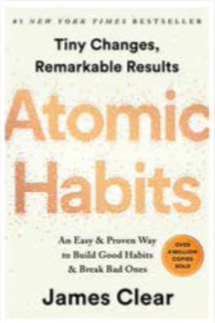
by Madeline Miller



Probably one of the most heartbreaking novels you will ever read, this story of two Greek princes who fall in love during the Trojan War has maintained a spot on bestseller lists around the world for a decade now – which seems fitting as it took its author 10 years to write! You won't be able to put this one down... unless it's to grab a box of tissues. **Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, $24.99**

ATOMIC HABITS

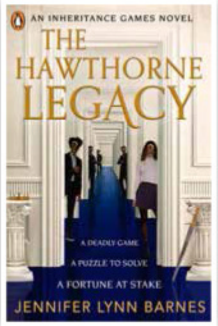
by James Clear



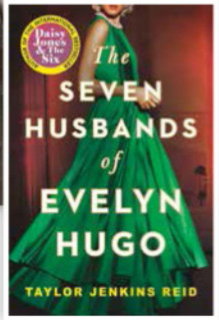
Author James is an expert on decision-making. In this phenomenal book, he informs readers on how making what he calls "atomic habits" – tiny little changes to your everyday life, such as doing two push-ups a day, waking up five minutes early, or making a short five-minute phone call to a relative or friend – can grow into life-altering outcomes. Revolutionary and easy to read, this is a self-help book like no other. **Penguin, $40**

THE HAWTHORNE LEGACY

by Jennifer Lynn Barnes



The second novel in the *Inheritance Games* trilogy, the writer's scandalous, intriguing and thrilling story about a group of rich kids battling it out over their astronomically wealthy family estate is one of the most talked-about series online – and it's easy to see why. It's *Gossip Girl* meets *Dynasty* and once you dive in, you'll no doubt find yourself speeding through all three books this summer! **Penguin, $21**



THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

From the brilliant mind that would later gift us with *Daisy Jones & The Six* and *Malibu Rising*, author Taylor's first breakout hit – about a reclusive Hollywood starlet who is suddenly forced to grapple with her questionable past – was heralded as one of the most captivating reads of 2017. Now, thanks to TikTok, it's found a new life with a different audience and readers can't get enough! **Simon & Schuster Australia, $24.99**

The LOW DOWN

THE BEST OF 2022!

Feathers above!

HARRY STYLES Float like a butterfly... look like a giant canary?! The singer was snapped wearing a bejewelled Elton John-esque costume while performing with a French circus in the British countryside.

Ready to wash up!

KIM KARDASHIAN OK, someone needs to let Kim know she forgot to ditch the dishwashing gloves before leaving the house! But if you're free this weekend, we sure could use a hand cleaning up our place...

This job is for the birds!

K FOR AMOUR
AND COMING IN HAUTE
EMILY IN PARIS

GRAFFITI GIRL

LILY COLLINS The actress totally saw the funny side when she came across a New York billboard with quite the makeover! "Can't say I love the new look, Em, but A for effort," she joked.

EVERYTHING'S BIGGER in TEXAS

CAFFEINE KICK!

EVA LONGORIA The *Desperate Housewives* actress captioned this post, "Accurate amount of coffee needed this morning." Now that's a mug sure to start your morning off right!

There's no room...

LEO'S DUMPED!

LEONARDO DICAPRIO The *Don't Look Up* star and his then-girlfriend Camila Morrone had fun recreating another of his famous movies, *Titanic*, as they splashed around in the waves at St Barts. Don't let go, Leo!

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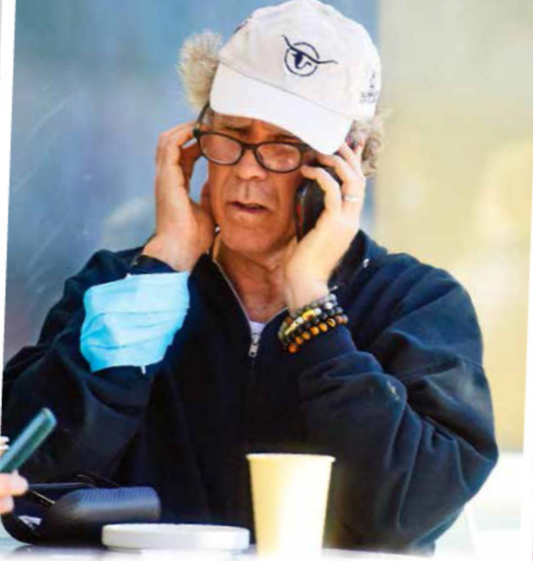


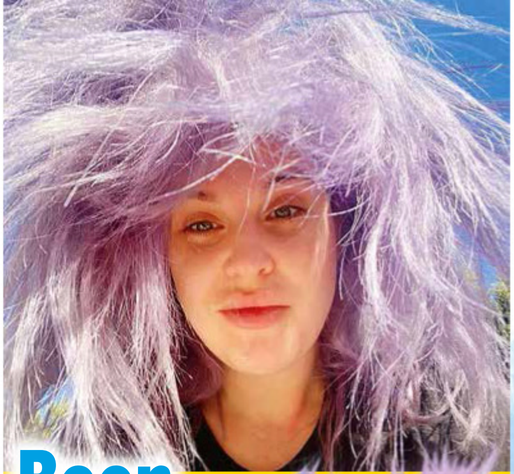
FEELING FERRELL

WILL FERRELL It was only the start of the year, but the dishevelled-looking *Elf* actor already seemed completely over 2022 as he sat down for a meeting in Los Angeles. Could be time for another cup of that coffee, Will!

Are you gonna hoover my way?!

LENNY KRAVITZ You'd think a rock star would lay off the chores on tour, but not Lenny, who was snapped diligently vacuuming his tour bus. Now we just have to convince him to come and clean our place!

I bet you can't hit me on my ch...



Been trolled!

KELLY OSBOURNE The former reality star's luscious lavender locks remind us of our favourite '90s Troll dolls – we hope she was wearing more clothes than her doll friend!

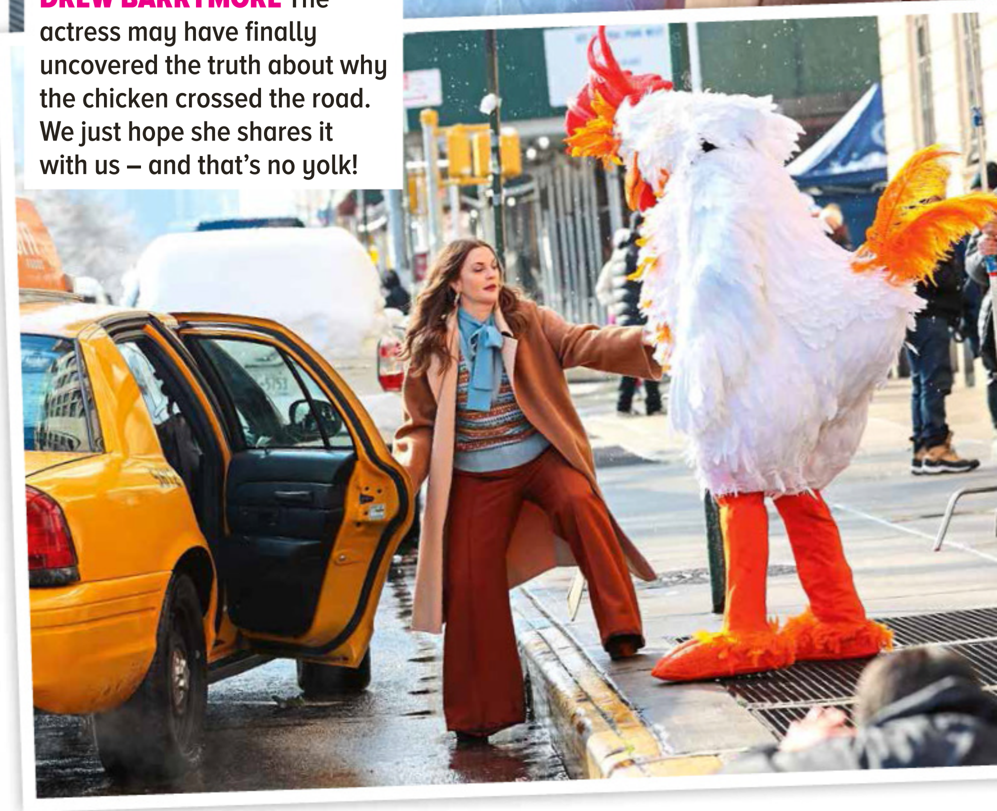
It's a knockout!

CHRIS MARTIN There's nothing like a trip to the beach – the sun, the sand and your boy swinging punches in the waves... At least that's the case for the Coldplay singer, who showed his silly side with Moses, 16.

I'm on the run from KFC...

She's a comedi-hen!

DREW BARRYMORE The actress may have finally uncovered the truth about why the chicken crossed the road. We just hope she shares it with us – and that's no yolk!



In between cuddles with her husband, Mary was on sunscreen duty – "Hold still, Christian!"

The playful princes made Dad their target of fun!

MARY & FRED
THE TRIP THAT SAVED THEM!

There can be no doubt Crown Princess Mary is enjoying a quiet summer break Downunder after a year of family fights and shock allegations in Denmark.

Having touched down in Australia in December, Mary, husband Prince Frederik and their four children – Christian, 17, Isabella, 15, and twins Josephine and Vincent, 12 – were spotted enjoying the warm weather at Sydney's Palm Beach.

"Mary stepped off that plane with a huge exhalation," a source close to the Danish royal tells *Woman's Day*, also revealing that the ugly public feuding between Frederik and his brother Prince Joachim – after Queen Margrethe's shock decision to strip Joachim's children of their royal titles – has taken a toll on the family.

Being back home is a very welcome change of pace for Mary, who has had to battle widespread coverage of the family fallout.

Now, in a bid to guarantee peace in future for her family, sources reveal that Mary is eyeing up a peaceful Aussie bolthole!

Insiders confirm they checked out Bondi Beach before Christmas – and it got the family seal of approval! But Mary still has a huge soft spot for her home turf in Tasmania.

"She's hoping she can convince the kids that growing up in the wild Aussie bush down there, just like she did, is very, very special," shares the source.

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